



Beechdale Nursery School

Newsletter

March and April 2014

Forest School Begins.....

Your child will begin to take part in Forest School activities between now and the end of the Summer term. They will be working with a group of twelve other children and will spend the whole of one Nursery session each week in the woodland area (corner of the Junior school field). The children will experience a wide range of skills such as climbing, building, exploring plants and mini-beasts, creating imaginative stories, using a variety of tools to carve and join wood etc. All areas of the curriculum are promoted within these sessions in a rich, meaningful and exciting way. Please could you send back your consent form (if you have not already done so!) to ensure your child can take part in these sessions. Thank you.

Themes and Topics so far this term....

Many children returned from their half term holiday with an interest in pirates so we are developing this theme through small world and role play. We are also developing a topic linked to farms and growing as Spring approaches, as well as focusing on healthy eating.



Allotment Plans

All children will be experiencing sessions working in our allotment this term and their first task will be to help tidy it up and prepare the area for planting for after the Easter holiday. We are now beginning to sow a variety of seeds in trays which the children will be encouraged to look after. Once the weather improves we will transfer these to the greenhouse.



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School Fund

Thank you for your continued support with our £1 a week school fund. It has enabled us to buy resources for the woodwork bench, cooking ingredients, guinea pig food, creative materials, role play outfits and a wide range of materials for our Family Fun Day activities.



Farm Trip

We are taking the children to Hall Hill Farm before Easter to learn about farm life and looking after animals. Keep your fingers crossed that the weather is dry!

Dates for your diary.....

- 17th March—School closed—teacher training
- 19th March—Film Club for Monkeys and Lions
- 24th March—Parent's day for new children
- 1st April—Farm visit for PM children
- 2nd April- Film club for Snakes and Crocs
- 3rd April—Farm visit for AM children
- 4th April—22nd April—Easter Holiday

Shared Headship

Mrs Graham has started her shared Headship with Consett Infant school. She will be based at Beechdale for the first half of each week but can be contacted at any day via Mrs Harris.

Please remember.....

- Put your child's name in your child's clothes – especially school uniforms.
- Let us know if any of your child's medical details change.
- Let us know if your telephone numbers or emergency contact numbers change.
- Return any pieces of equipment your child may take home by mistake.
- Collect your child on time at the end of the session.
- Please continue to park safely—not in the school grounds, on the school drive or in the entrance to school.