



As we approached the summer holidays, the end of term was a very busy time for us. The children together with their parents/ carer's enjoyed a visit to the Pink Pig Farm near Scunthorpe to see a variety of different animals including; rabbits, guinea pigs, cows and some very hairy pigs. The children also enjoyed a tractor ride; digging in the enormous sandpit and having a go on the zip wire, although the staff seemed to enjoy this experience as much as the children did! On our journey home all was quiet with a few of our little ones falling fast asleep.

Our end of term 'Pirate and Mermaid' Open Morning was a huge success, with over 20 parents along with parents/carer's of future children wishing to start Pre School in attendance. As well as having a treasure hunt in our outdoor play area, the children also made pirate telescopes, pirate eye patches, and enjoyed a delicious fruit platter and ice cream snack (as a treat!). During the open morning there was also a presentation for those children going up to school, in which we said a sad and fond farewell to them. However that said, we are very privileged to be able to see the children and watch them grow and develop during their early days at school by being fortunate to share the outdoor facilities with them.

Looking ahead to the new term, we will be welcoming 10 children who will be starting Pre School for the first time. It is fantastic to see that a number of these children and families are from outlying villages, which is helping to sustain our numbers, since the government allowed all primary schools to be funded for 3 year old children since September last year. It is difficult in this economic climate to keep charity run Pre Schools sustainable however we are fortunate to have excellent links in continuing to work in close partnership with our primary school to

provide a seamless transition from Pre School to school for the children in our care.

As a charity run Pre School, we also continue to organise fundraising events to raise money, not only to purchase new equipment but also to replace resources and to support the day to day running costs of the Pre School. We are planning a quiz and bingo night soon, a cake stall and off course, our annual 'Halloween Party' which will be held on Friday 21st October 2011. Please look out for posters around the village advertising these upcoming events. If you are willing to help out with any fundraising, then do not hesitate to contact Val Gorbutt (Chair) on 01469 531012.

This term along with settling in our new children, we will be busy in our Pre School garden tending to our vegetables and plants. This will also give the children an opportunity to learn about harvest time, along with making harvest baskets and baking bread. Also as the weather changes we will also be talking about autumn and the changing colours of the trees. The children will have an opportunity to go on a nature walk, collecting leaves, pine cones and acorns to make a collage and or to paint/print with. Further activities, play opportunities and experiences are planned around the children's interest, in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework as,

'Children's play reflects their wide ranging and varied interests and preoccupations. In their play children learn at their highest level' (DCSF 2008:4.1)

Our Pre School is Ofsted registered and we are open to children from 2 years to 5 years of age. Children who are 3 years of age are entitled to 15 hours a week of free flexible funding from the term following their 3rd birthday. This funding can be used across more than one early years' provider/setting, giving parents greater flexibility. For more information please call in during our opening times which are; Monday through to Friday 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. (term time) at the Integrated Services Building, located at Goxhill Primary School. Alternatively please contact **Jayne Hutton (Supervisor)** on **01469 535061** (Pre School) or **01469 531587**, or **Val Gorbutt (Chair)** on **01469 531012**. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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