

# June Newsletter

## Dates

### Term Dates 2023-2024

#### Summer 2024

Last day of term. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July (12:00 finish)

We are in the process of setting term dates for the academic year of 2024-2025. As soon as we have secured these we will let you know.

This equates to 37 weeks and 1 day, which is 4 days less than the funded 38 weeks. If you have any queries, please come and see us. Please note that you are not charged for bank holidays and INSET DAYS.

## Father's Day

As you are aware we have our Father's Day 'Box Afternoon' on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, at 1:30pm. Please may we ask for a show of hands as to who is able to attend, this will help us in knowing how many refreshments we need to buy. If you are unable to attend then we have made the decision to go along the FUDGE route (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandparents and everyone special in their lives) so please feel free to send someone else!

## Topic

This terms topic is People who help us. We will be looking at all the different roles that people might have. From Vets to Doctors to refuse collectors. Our visit from Zoolab will tie in nicely with this!

If any parents / carers would like to pop in an chat about their jobs then please come and see us as we would love to have you in!

## Staff

Please join us in saying a huge welcome to Clare who has joined our team as a preschool practitioner. Some of you may recognise her as not only has she done some bank work for us but she is also the parent of Hugo from last year. She will be with us on a Wednesday and Thursday.

## Gardening day

As you will have seen, we are having a gardening event on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 10am to 12pm. If you are able to come and lend a hand to rejuvenate our garden, please be sure to let us know so that we can be prepared.

## Visit

We are excited to announce that we have booked ZooLab to come in on the afternoon of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, they will bring with them a variety of different animals for us to learn about and handle. This is for every child so, if it is not your child's day, you would be more than welcome to come and stay with your child. **Please let us know if you will be coming, in order that we can assign you a slot.**

We would like to cover the cost of this as an end of term treat. However, we are trying to save for a shelter (sail) to cover our dinosaur / digger land area, so, if possible, donations to this would be greatly received. These can either be transferred directly or given in cash.

## Graduation and Sports day

Sports day and graduation will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Details are as follows...

Am - Sports day - parents arrive at 10:30am (Children whose day it is arrive at normal time) - this will be followed by a family picnic

Picnic - at 12pm - a family picnic where families bring their own food and share with their child (nothing with nuts please). All morning children, and children who are not school leavers are free to go home after.

PM - graduation for leavers only, at 1:30pm. We would kindly ask, if at all possible, that all children who are not leaving us in the summer, are taken home after sports day.

### Reminders

- Please make sure that your child's bag has the following in...
- Sun hat (no sunglasses)
- Sun cream before coming to preschool (as you can imagine creaming 32 children would be an impossible task) we cannot apply this for them
- Open toed shoes are not permitted, this is for the child's safety
- Spare clothes for all children and shoes (please ensure that they fit and are appropriate for the weather) (they like to get wet and dirty!)
- Nappies not pull-ups
- Wipes
- Forest school days children still need long trousers to have their legs covered
- Bug spray for forest school children to be applied before coming in
- A thin coat or jumper is still needed

- Make sure everything is named!
- Be mindful of what foods you put in your child's lunch box as the weather gets warmer, we don't have fridge space to keep anything cool, so an ice pack works well.

Best wishes

The Totterdown Team