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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Pre-School. We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break! Here are details of some of the things planned for the summer term.

Monday 23rd April – Our Chicken Eggs Arrive!

Using funds raised by our sponsored bounce we have been able to order chicken eggs from Living Eggs, so that the children can see chicks hatch and help to look after them as they grow! The eggs will be at Pre-School from Monday 23rd April. Once hatched, the chicks will stay with us until Friday 4th May. All parents/carers are more than welcome to come in to Pre-School when dropping off their child to have a peek!

Whyteleafe FC Sessions – Tuesday mornings

These very popular sessions will re-start on Tuesday 24th April, within the normal Pre-School morning session time. The sessions will stay on Tuesdays for ten weeks of the summer term.

Friday 11th May – Zoolab Visit (Morning Children)

Zoolab will be visiting our morning children with their collection of exotic animals for the children to see and hold. This is always a very exciting morning for our Pre-School children!

Spring Fair – Saturday 12th May, 2pm – 4pm (all children and families)

Before Easter you will have received a letter with details of this year's Spring Fair. The Spring Fair is always hugely popular with our Pre-School families. It is our main fundraising event of the year and to make the day a success we rely on the generous help and support from our parents to set up, run and clear away the stalls, and to donate items for the Fair itself. Details of how you can volunteer, donate prizes, or help with other items needed for the Fair are contained in the letter.

Enclosed with the letter were 10 tickets for the Grand Raffle and an A5 poster advertising the Fair. Please support this year's Fair by helping us to sell the raffle tickets and by displaying the poster in your front window, car or anywhere else you think people might see it.

If you have any questions about the Fair, or can help in anyway, please contact Emma Campbell (Mum to Cameron in the afternoon sessions) on emmacamp@gmail.com

Petting Farm Visit and Messy Play afternoon – Wednesday 23rd May (afternoon children and parents)

Our afternoon parents and children are invited to join us on Wednesday 23rd May from 12.30 – 2.30pm with your child (all pm children). Please note that the animals will only be with us until

2pm. This is an opportunity for you to get “messy” as you join in with a variety of activities and to enjoy animal handling with your child.

There will be no usual Pre-School session on this afternoon and all children should be accompanied by an adult (it doesn't have to be a parent, it can be a grandparent or any other carer) who will engage in the activities with them. Please note that there is no normal Pre-School session on this afternoon. Pre-School staff are not responsible for the children, so please make sure you stay with your child and supervise them!

Friday 8th June – Bocketts Farm Outing Morning Children (no afternoon session on this day)

Our annual outing to Bocketts Farm will take place on Friday 8th June. We rely on parent volunteer helpers to join us for the outing. More details will follow a little nearer the time.

Pizza Express Outing – Wednesday 11th July (morning children)

This is a lovely outing to our local Pizza Express in Epsom. The children will each make their own pizza, which will be cooked, boxed up and given to them to bring home! More details will follow nearer the time.

Friday 20th July – Our Last Day of Term!

There will be a party for all our children and their families from 10.30am - 1pm. More details will follow nearer the time

Snack Time

Thank you very much to all our parents for their generous contributions for the children's snack time. We very much appreciate donations of any fresh fruit, bags of raisins, cheese, crackers or other snacks. Thank you!

Consumables Wish List

Thank you again for all the donations of items to Pre-School. This has really helped us over the last term and we value your support very much. We will be putting another list in reception very soon.

School Readiness

For those children who are starting school in September, we would like to share with you feedback from local Infant School teachers on the desirable skills children should have when entering reception classes: -

- Independence skills – dressing, toileting, playing
- Age appropriate communication and language skills
- Have an interest in books
- 'Have a go' at mark-making
- Ability to hold a pencil using a tripod grasp
- Meaningful counting

Kind regards
St Martin's Pre-School Team