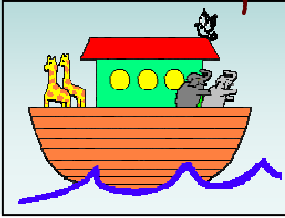


Noah's Ark Pre-School Newsletter

May 2016



RECIPE OF THE MONTH!

Simple Pasta Bolognaise

400g Lean Steak Mince (max 5% Fat)
1 Onion
1 tbsp Tomato puree
1 Crushed clove of Garlic
2 tsp Mixed Herbs
1 x Tin Chopped Tomatoes
Handful of Chopped Mushrooms
2 x Bay Leaves
Pasta of your choice
Garlic Bread
Grated Cheese

1. Heat some rapeseed oil in a heavy based saucepan, over a medium heat.
2. Add the onion and soften till lovely and golden, don't let it stick to the pan.
3. Add your mince and stir well, at this stage add your garlic, and brown the mince.
4. Once your mince is browned, add your remaining ingredients and stir well.
5. Simmer bolognaise for 20-30 minutes.
6. Boil a saucepan of water for your pasta and cook according to packet instructions.
7. Once cooked, remove your bay leaves, put a big spoon of pasta in bowls with a scoop of bolognaise on top, serve warm with grated cheese and garlic bread.

More Recipes in 'Alive and Cooking' - available to borrow from pre-school.

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TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

As a fun activity we will be having a 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. Where we invite you to come along to pre-school and have lunch with your child (and their favourite teddy!) This is a fund-raising event and we will be asking for donations of £1, with some cakes and lovely treats on offer too!

More details to follow!

Sue x



Dates to remember!

Half Term

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2016

PD Day

Monday 6th June 2016

Back to Pre-school

Tuesday 7th June 2016

Teddy Bears Picnic

Friday 4th June 2016

Last day of term & Leavers Service

Friday 15th July 2016.

Pre-School Party

Friday 2nd September 2016

Return to pre-school

Tuesday 6th September 2016





Where children learn to play,

Manager Update



This term we have been thinking a lot about valuing diversity in our community. Many of our school leavers have been taking trips to our local Sainsbury's shop to purchase foods from around the world; such as bananas, oranges, naan bread, chocolate, rice krispies and olives.

Upon their return all our children have had the opportunity to taste all the different foods and then vote on their favourites. Amazingly olives received 4 votes on the tally chart!

This term our school leavers are also engaging in transition circle times about their new Primary schools. We have had lots of circle times discussing uniforms, book bags, looking at logos and listening to stories about school. We plan to start work on updating our school photograph albums soon. The new teachers and teaching assistants have already begun to visit the pre-school and meet the children, look at their learning journeys and chat with each child's key person.

This June we are really looking forward to our Dad's breakfast where we will theme the activities for dad's/special men and their children to enjoy together. At the Dad's breakfast we will also enjoy bacon rolls and a variety of other goodies. We do hope that you will be able to make it over to the Pre-school on Saturday 18th June from 9-11am.

As the summer sun heats up we know many of you are heading on to some nice family holidays. Please let us know if you go anywhere nice as we would like to incorporate these ideas into our role play area. Maybe even send us a postcard! The children will really enjoy receiving post, especially a colourful postcard! Thank you, Sophie x

TAPESTRY

You should have had a letter home this week, explaining our move to an online Learning Journey system, called 'Tapestry'. We are really excited to be moving forward in the pre-school with this technology, which will keep us up to date and inline with the EYFS.

We will be purchasing some new tablets for the staff to use for this system, and as a parent you will be given your own password and username so you may follow your child's progress here at pre-school. It will also allow you to upload your own photos so we can link your child's learning from home to Noah's ark and plan their next steps effectively. This is currently being trialled in pre-school with the hope that all children will be online by September.

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Our Smarties Challenge made over £100 this year - a big thank you to everyone who took part!

Noah's Ark Notices

WARM WEATHER

Please remember to send your children in suitable clothing to pre-school. Don't forget to send some spare clothing with them, and at this time of year we would ask that you apply sun-cream before bringing your child to pre-school. We will then re-apply if they are here all day.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SUNHATS!!

We have some new sunhats available in pre-school, priced at £3.50 each, please see Bethany if you would like to buy one.



LABELLING

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled, this includes, hats, bags, shoes, coats and anything your child brings into pre-school. This will ensure whoever collects your child will be able to retrieve all of their bits and pieces before they leave to go home.

Don't forget to bring in a named drinks bottle for your child, we ask for these to only contain water.

