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Newsletter – June 2014

Welcome!

A big welcome to **Maisie Leggett** and **Alfie Allum** who joined us after Easter and more recently **Harry Robertson, Blake Dexter, Madeleine Poston, Danby Holmes and Elizabeth Wood** who join us this term; we wish the children and their families happy times with us.

Forest Schools

The older children were invited to Woodham Walter Primary School on 31st April to participate in Forest Schools. We all had an amazing time splashing in the puddles, climbing trees, making swings and looking at and appreciating the world around us. We have been invited back on 30th June more details to follow soon. Here are some pictures, more here - www.woodhammortimerpreschool.org.uk/photos/nggallery/wmps-photos/forest-school-march-2014



Holly and Taanvi drumming!



The girls learning to work together.



Oliver and Chloe working together swinging!



Reis, Holly and Darcy enjoying the puddles!

Website – Photo Gallery

We have updated the website with a photo gallery page. www.woodhammortimerpreschool.org.uk There is a tab at the top titled 'photos'. There are lots of lovely pictures of the children enjoying their time at WMPS. Here are a few:



Bamboo water fun!



Oliver and Edgar enjoying their new carpentry skills!



Worm charming fun & enjoying the new work bench!



Alison taking a PE lesson helping the children

Splash Park

We have booked the Maldon Prom Park Splash Park as an end of term treat. It is booked for Friday July 11th from 1.45pm – 2.15pm. Put it in your diary – more info to follow. All invited.

Maldon Pre-Schools Sports Day

All the Maldon Pre-schools are getting together for an inter-pre-school sports day which we are invited to. It is 27th June. More details to follow.



Ladies in Red

We are proud of our staff who have got a team together to run (or is it walk) for the Race for Life at Hylands Park on July 6th. Susan, Lorraine, Julia, Alison and Tonya are hoping to raise lots of money for Cancer Research. If you liked to help and sponsor them there is a form and box at pre-school or you can do it on line here:

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/wmps-ladies-in-red>

Jumble Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, donated or turned up and spent their money. We raised £660 on the day and even managed to take some of the leftovers to the rag man gaining another £45. And the last few good quality items will be on sale at the nearly new stall at the summer fete.

Summer Fete

This Saturday June 14th 11.30 – 3pm. If you can help in anyway then let us know. We need: Volunteers to set up or run a stall, baked goods, goody jars, prizes, sweets and gazebos. Don't forget to hand in your art competition entry by Friday.

Dad's Week (or granddad)

Next week (16th – 20th June) is Dad's week and we would love to have some dads visit. If you can spare an hour and come and have a play then do let us know.

Letters of the Week

Please help your child to find and bring in something beginning with the letter of the week.

Week Starting	Letter
9 th June	Gg
16 th June	Hh
23 rd June	li
30 th June	Jj
7 th July	Kk

We Need You – Committee



We would like to thank **Jenny Shaw** who has been on the committee as the Finance Officer for the past 4 years doing an amazing job of keeping the pre-school running. Sadly she has had to move on but we would like to welcome **Faye Wootton**, Olive's mum who has kindly taken on this role. Unfortunately many of our members including the chair and the secretary have children leaving WMPS for big school in September so the Pre-School really does need you. **Without a committee the pre-school cannot remain open.**

We need enthusiastic parents or grandparents who can spare some time to help us out. Our general members do as little or as much as they can manage. For some that means a couple of hours per month, for others it means much more. Any time you can spare would help! We meet once a month for a couple of hours and it is nice to get to know other mums as well as help to manage the Pre-School. There is absolutely no experience required. From craft to finance, publicity to baking, whatever your talents are we can use them!

Reminders

Please remember sun cream and sun hat – named please.

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 14 th June	Summer Fete 11.30am – 3pm Woodham Mortimer village hall and field
Week starting June 16 th	Dad's week – please let us know if you have a dad who'd like to visit us.
Friday 27 th June	Maldon Pre-Schools Sports Day, Prom Park – more info to follow
Monday 30 th June	Forest Schools at Woodham Walter School – invite to follow
Friday 11 th July	Splash Park – all invited 1.45 – 2.15pm
Thursday 17 th July	Last Day & Leavers Presentation – more info to follow
Friday 18 th July	Closed for children – staff training and cleaning day
Sunday 20 th July 11am	At the church – the children are invited to join together and sing for the Bishop's visit for the centennial celebrations