



Withycombe
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Preschool
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WE ARE NOW KNOWN AS 'PRESCHOOL' RATHER THAN PLAYGROUP

SUMMER TERM (1) 2018

THIS TERM:

We've been learning about growing. We've been watching Becky's baby bump grow and learning how big her baby is each week! We've been planting beans, we've also got cress and sunflowers to grow. We're learning how things change as they grow, and have caterpillars that we hope will grow into beautiful butterflies! We've been drawing ourselves, measuring how tall we are as well as enjoying dancing and music as part of our daily routine.

The children are split into 'teams' according to their keyperson for tidying up. They are also in groups (school leavers and younger children) for more focused group activities in order to form friendships with their peers and progress on to their next steps.

Thank you for snack donation money. It is really working well, we are able to offer the children all sorts of different foods, tastes and textures. The lovely weather has meant we enjoy snack outside as often as possible. Don't forget, your donation was for the whole term (until July).



TRIP TO THE BEACH

THURS 21ST JUNE

All children and families are invited to join us on Thu 21st June at gam for a quick register before boarding the Land Train (£1 per seat) to take us down to the beach. We'll be near the lifeboat station for the morning and ask for all children to be collected from their by 12 noon. Consent forms/further info after half term.



Our next BAG2SCHOOL collection is on Tuesday 12th June – please donate any unwated textiles, clothing, shoes, bags etc. Preschool get commission according to the weight collected, so the heavier the better! Please return your bags on the Monday 11th or Tuesdy 12th (by gam). We are happy to collect, just ask. Thank you.



Please check our Facebook page – it is our easiest way to update you on what we're up to or remind you about upcoming events. No need to be on facebook, it's a public page (we never show your children's faces) on the home page of our website, so check it out!

Staffing Changes

Becky will be on maternity leave from July! Tamsin's family are moving away from Exmouth, we know she is going to miss all her little friends here and wish her well with her move ☺



We have two lovely new staff members who have already become an invaluable part of our team – Christine, with many years teaching experience has become a keyperson to all our new children, and Kirsty has moved from an Exeter nursery and will shadow Becky's children, taking these on from September.

END OF TERM BBQ AND FAMILY FUN DAY

WITHYCOMBE RUGBY
CLUB
SUNDAY 15TH JULY
2-4pm

Please put this date in your diary – an afternoon for all families and staff to get together and enjoy a BBQ, some races and a special presentation to our children leaving to start school

TERM DATES:

We only have the one week for half term!

SUMMER TERM 2018

Half term week – w/c 28th May
Friday 20th July – last day

HOLIDAY CLUB WILL RUN ONCE A WEEK THROUGHOUT THE SIX WEEKS – MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Thursday 6th September – first day back
Half term week – w/c 22nd October
Friday 21st December – last day

Dates through to July 2019 are on our website

FEES for unfunded hours are £4 per hour, invoiced termly

Any reduction of hours or withdrawal or a child requires 6 weeks' notice (as per our charging policy) otherwise fees are payable

COOKING WEEK – WE'LL BE MAKING ALL SORTS OF LOVELY THINGS TO EITHER EAT OR TAKE HOME THE FIRST WEEK AFTER HALF TERM



The new data protection laws come into force from 25th May. We have a new Privacy Notice which explains how we use your data.

Please refer to our website for our Policies which detail how we use, manage and store your data.

It is also important that you let us know of any changes to the data we hold, including addresses, emergency contacts or change of circumstance.

SCHOOL TRANSITION:

We have 20 school leavers this year, and have begun separating them to focus on preparation for school.

Withycombe School 'stay and play' sessions – 25/27 June and 9/13 July. All our children moving on to Withycombe will be offered two of the four stay and play sessions with us. This is an opportunity for the children to visit the school with their friends and familiar Preschool staff. A consent form is attached.

READY FOR SCHOOL?

Parents are invited on

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2pm & TUESDAY 26TH JUNE 9am

We'll have advice, tips and hand-outs for parents to help you with the transition to primary school, and hear from parents who have already experienced this with older siblings. We have advice on helping your child with phonics and fine motor skills in preparation for reading and writing.

We hope you can attend one of these sessions.

