



## April/ May Newsletter

We hope that you all had a lovely Easter holiday - despite the 'iffy' weather and would like to welcome our new families to Holmes Chapel Community Pre-School. At the end of last term we said goodbye to our dedicated Supervisor, Emma Capewell. She had been with HCCPS for five years and it was a very emotional last day when she received some lovely gifts and cards... she wishes to thank you all. We would like to welcome our new Supervisor Mrs Diane Cox, who some of you know already.

It was lovely to see so many of our families at the Easter disco at the end of term and the cake sale was a sell out!! If you missed them don't worry there are more exciting fundraising events coming up (see 'dates for your diary').

**Sports Relief** - Thank you for all your kind donations on our 'silly sports' day, we raised a £38 for the charity. Congratulations to Evie Morrison who won the 'Winning Moves' sweep-stake.

**Parents Evening** - We will holding a parent's evening at Holmes Chapel Community Pre-School on Tuesday 17th May 2016. This is a great opportunity to share your child's Learning Journey and discuss their progress, 'next steps' and share their interests and home activities. Each appointment will last 15 minutes with your child's keyworker. There will be an appointment sheet up on the Parent's Notice Board soon.

**Summer term reminders** - Now the weather is warming up a little could we ask that you provide a sunhat for your child... Don't forget to put their name inside!

**Phonics Five** - In this summer term we will be starting our adult guided group times, (twice a day), with a new initiative - 'Phonics Five'. This will consist of a five minute focus on developing the phonics skills of your child. We will be following the 'Letters and Sounds' teaching program that is used in local Primary schools and it builds upon the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum that we already follow. This will give your child valuable speaking and listening skills and ease the transition into reception at Primary school where it leads up to their reading and spelling skills. If you have any questions then please ask a member of staff for more details.

**Tapestry Update!** - You all received a letter explaining that we hope to move to an electronic based Learning Journal and assessment tool to keep us up to date with other settings and schools in the area. We are now at the stage of obtaining the hand held devices

necessary for recording our observations on your children. Please feel free to ask our staff and committee members if you have any questions.

**2016 School Leavers** - On the 18<sup>th</sup> April our 'Class of 2016' school leavers will find out which Primary school they will be attending in September. There will be a list displayed in our reception for you to share your placement details. This will allow us to provide a smooth transition for your child, to their new school environment.

**Polite reminder** - Don't forget to check your child's post wallet in the reception area for important letters, news, bills etc.

Please remember to be 'on time' when collecting children at 1pm..... We are still 'in session' and will be providing care and adult guided group time for the other children in the setting.

**Focus** - This term we will be focusing on our garden, mud kitchen and outside area. We will be planting in our fruit and vegetable patch very soon... and look forward to eating our produce at snack time!

**We are looking for...** This half term we are looking for donations of large stones (tennis ball sized) and pebbles, logs of all shapes and sizes to explore maths in our outside play area and small herb plants to enhance our mud kitchen. Please talk to a member of staff if you can help out with any of these items. Thank you

**Safeguarding News** - Introducing our NEW Safeguarding slot ...

We will focus on a different aspect of Safeguarding in each subsequent newsletter. This will provide support all our families and allow us to share important information and legislation that will help to keep you and your children safe.

This time we would like to introduce you to our 'Safeguarding Signposts' area in reception and also on the Pre-School website '[www.hccp.org.uk](http://www.hccp.org.uk)', where you can find a range of information, leaflets and posters.

### **Dates for your Diary**

1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 - Holmes Chapel Village Fair, at the Victoria Club 12 to 5pm, come and visit our stall for some fun activities.

17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 - Parents Evening, at Pre-School 6pm to 8pm (**Book your appointment!**)

8<sup>th</sup> May 2016 - Sponsored walk, at Brereton Heath Park, starting at 10.30am

6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 - Building upgrade work, we will be getting a new look and a refresh to the outside of our building and ramps.

**We will be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 - Bank Holiday and will close for summer half term on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016, re-opening on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

Don't forget that you can find us on Facebook and our website '[www.hccp.org.uk](http://www.hccp.org.uk)',

## **Thank you**