

Old Court News



Dates for the diary

Easter Eggstravaganza Event
Saturday 30th March
 10:30-12:30pm

TD Day: Friday 5th April

Easter Holidays: Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April.
 Pre-School reopens on Tuesday 23rd April

Mayday: Monday 6th May the preschool will be closed

RWB Carnival
Saturday 18th May Julia Donaldson theme.
 Walking only

May Half Term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2019

TD days: Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th July

Summer holidays start:
 Friday 26th July

Birth announcements

Harry Barrett:
 Baby brother Ollie

Arlo Haines:
 Baby sister Bella

Isla Hartley:
 Baby brother Arthur

Austin Woodage:
 Baby sister Esmae

Easter Eggstravaganza

Our Easter Eggstravaganza this year will be held on **Saturday 30th March from 10.30-12.30** and we hope that many of you will be able to join us for this fun event.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt, Face Painting, Easter and Mothers Day Crafts, Refreshments, Raffle, Bottle Tombola and lots more fun stalls and games. We will also have plenty of indoor activities in the event of bad weather.

It is a big event for the Pre-School and we would appreciate help from the parents where possible please?

We would appreciate donations of

- bottles for our tombola
- donations for the raffle
- books for our second hand book stall
- small cakes to be sold on the day (full list of ingredients provided please)

We are also looking for volunteers for:

- Set up on the Friday evening 6.30-8.30pm
- Helping out on the stalls on the day, even just for a short time
- Clearing away once the event has finished (12.30 onwards)

If you are able to help with any of these, please let the preschool know.



Once again we are hoping to enter the **Royal Wootton Bassett Carnival** on **Saturday 18th May 2019**. Our theme this year is **Julia Donaldson characters** and we will provide more information on this after the Easter Holidays.

Corporate Volunteering

As a charity, we always appreciate help and support in the upkeep and maintenance of our facilities and we are currently putting together a list of all the jobs that need doing. We would love to hear from any parents who may work for one of the local employers who support employee volunteering days and may be interested in helping us.



Extra Pre-School Sessions

Need to attend an appointment, go shopping or just have an hour of peace and quiet?

We are pleased to announce that from the start of this half term, you will now be able to book your children in for extra one off sessions at preschool if we

have spaces available.

A list of sessions with available places on a week by week basis will be available from the office or alternatively, contact the office directly. The extra sessions will be charged at the standard rate payable in advance.



Staff News - Congratulations to Claire Moreton on the recent completion of her Early Years Diploma Level 3. Debbie has recently attended a forum on Child Protection and all staff members are fully up to date with their Child Protection training.

Starting School in 2019

For those children who are going to school in September you will be offered a place in April, please let OCCP know the decision.

The schools all have different procedures for school induction but generally all of them invite the children in for visits. These visits provide the children with a brief introduction to their teacher and the new school setting. Parents are expected to take the children along and they usually involve a meeting to inform you all about such subjects as school uniform and the routines of school.

Currently the teachers from Wootton Bassett Infants' School come into the school on alternate Monday/Wednesday mornings to meet the children. Unfortunately they are unable to make other times owing to their teaching commitments.

Those children with siblings at St. Bartholomews' Academy have been across to visit the school on a Thursday morning with staff from Old Court and we are hoping to extend this so that any children who are offered a place there will be given

the opportunity too, once their place has been confirmed. If you have any questions or concerns about school transition please speak with a staff member.

