

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Practically Smart Alex repairs some furniture for us

Swimming

We would like to invite parents and trustees to watch the children swimming on Wednesday 2nd July; this will be the last opportunity to see how much progress The Gang have made this year, so we hope that as many of you as possible will join us at Dippers and Divers in Goring. Lessons are as follows:

9.30 – 10.00:

Edith, Herbie, Mags, Ollie, Owen;

10.00 – 10.30:

Freya, Gracie, Harry, James, Samuel;

10.30 – 11.00:

Alex, Alice, Martha, Paige, Tess.

Please note: the following week (9.7.14) will be our last lesson and is a 'fun' session.

People Smart Play Date

At the children's request, we would like to trial a Monday playtime after rounders at the park (weather permitting) from 3.15 – 4.15 pm during the warmer months. The playtime is open to any member of The Gang, and younger siblings are also welcome. The following dates have been set aside:
Monday 30th July: 3.15 – 4.15 pm (INSET Day)
Monday 7th July: 3.15 – 4.15 pm
Monday 14th July: 3.15 – 4.15 pm.
If you would be willing to supervise one of these sessions, please let me know.

If You Go Down to The Woods Today...

A recent survey reported that children in the UK are spending an average of half an hour a week outdoors...half an hour! So are we destined to become a nation of house dwellers chained to a world of technology, using our tablets as little windows into an alien world? I do hope not. Don't get me wrong, I use technology but only as and when I need to, spending the rest of my time interacting with real people and living a real life. I realise that the state education system is stretched, but it seems that sport, outdoor activities and field trips have been sacrificed to enable schools to meet government targets in the classroom. I am so pleased that we continue to spend time every week in the woods nurturing the children's respect for the environment and helping them connect with the natural world.

The Treehouse School Drinks & Supper Friday 18th July 7pm

The ACE team invite you to join them for drinks and supper to thank you for your continued support of our amazing school. If dry, we will hold it at The Treehouse; if wet, at 10, The Forty. RSVP by 16/7/14 to joryman@btinternet.com

New School Alarm

We have replaced the school alarm so if you are a key holder, please contact Lucy to arrange a mutually convenient time for some training: lukennedy@hotmail.co.uk

Dates for Your Diary

30.6.14 INSET Day
01.7.14 Green Family Music
01.7.14 Treehouse Wildlife Club, Ollie, Harry, Gracie
02.7.14 Swimming for parents/trustees.
03.7.14 7.30 pm PTA Meeting
03.06.14 Friday Forest – venue tbc
04.7.14 Treehouse School Disco 6.00 – 8.00 pm
07.07.14 Kennedy Family Music Choice
09.7.14 Last swimming lesson.
11.7.14 Treehouse Bake-Off!
11.7.14 Celebration Assembly (All welcome)
15.7.14 Seaside trip tbc
18.7.14 Friday Forest
18.7.14 End of term/ **7.00 pm Drinks and Supper.**
21.7.14 Stackpole visit.
03.9.14 New School Year begins



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

As this year's smart awards are being finalised, we would like to invite the children, their families, and The Trustees to contribute to next year's smart areas of learning. This could include things that the children can focus on at home, school, or both, for example:

- home, 'to brush my teeth without a reminder' (body/self smart);
- school, 'to read, solve and check mathematical problems' (number/learner smart);
- both, 'to go shopping independently' (self/number smart).

Some of the goals may not be appropriate for all members of The Gang due to their age or developmental stage, but please still include them. Furthermore, if you can think of a 'topic' that you think may appeal to the children, please let us know. We would love to hear your ideas by the end of term.

Trees

The Trees handwriting is really coming on...thank you for all your help at home. Please continue to encourage your child to practise regularly, and to remember their entry and exit handwriting strokes.

Houses

Girls: Mark making homework due in on Monday – golden standard please girls!

Boys: Times table practise please boys.

Looking for something to do? How about....

We are conscious that the year is speedily drawing to a close. With this in mind, the children were asked to suggest activities that would get them out and about, as well as keeping the basic skills ticking over, now and during the holidays.

Basic skills

- Keep a personal or pet diary
- Set your own timetable for Going for Gold at home
- Play times table/number bond bingo
- Find a slot for swimming
- Take your learning log home and make entries over the holidays

Out and About

- Camp in your garden
- Take a midsummer walk by the river, take binoculars and books
- Build a bird hide or write to The Parish Council to see if they would consider building one
- Take a late night walk, what can you see and hear?
- Visit the Bunkfest
- Organise a rounders tournament with chums in the park
- Meet your friends at the park **independently (a parent could be around if needed)**
- Meet up with friends from Cholsey School
- Make a den
- Make a boat...and race it on the brook

To Celebrate...Body Smarties

Herbie, Owen, Paige, Martha, Samuel and Tess for being awarded a **yellow** belt in judo; they skipped the **red** belt!!

Alex for swimming an amazing 40 lengths (400 m)!