

Short Term Planning for April 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Staff Planning Meeting 6-7pm Susan & Katie on Work Experience Kayleigh Annual Leave	5 Castles & Fairies Susan & Katie on Work Experience Kayleigh Annual Leave	6 Castles & Fairies Susan & Katie on Work Experience Kayleigh Annual Leave	7 Castles & Fairies Susan & Katie on Work Experience Kayleigh Annual Leave	8 Castles & Fairies Susan & Katie on Work Experience Kayleigh Annual Leave
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18 Easter Chicks & Bunnies	19 Easter Chicks & Bunnies	20 Easter Chicks & Bunnies Emily Annual Leave	21 Easter Chicks & Bunnies Emily Annual Leave	22 Closed Good Friday
25 Closed Easter Monday	26 Royal Wedding Emily & Rose Annual Leave	27 Royal Wedding Emily & Rose Annual Leave	28 Royal Wedding Emily & Rose Annual Leave	29 Closed Royal Wedding

We are sharing our Short Term Planning sheet for your info, as part of our ongoing working in Partnership with Parents. Parents can help us by regularly completing the "My Favourite Things In... Have Been" pages and Parent Quick Note sections, remember the info which you supply helps us to specifically gear our plans towards the current interests and developmental needs of your own child.

Please remember to read your child's Daily Childcare Report page each day and **initial and date at the top** so that we know you have done so. Any comments should be written in the Parent Quick Note sections at the front of the Diaries. Our focus over the next few weeks will be Fairy Tales, Weddings!, Starting Big School.

We have planned a whole host of activities for the children including just a few of the following items listed. All of which will nicely link into Personal, Social & Emotional Development & Communication, Language & Literacy which will be our Developmental Matters, Skills & Processes focus for the remainder of the Spring Term. Watch out for those codes! Please note when your child's Keyworker is on Annual Leave or attending Training, this will mean that another member of staff will be completing your child's pages whilst they are away.



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Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic!

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Notice is hereby given that Devon County Council intends to impose a temporary prohibition order on Albion Hill from Monday 4th April until Friday 6th May 2011. Whilst Morrison Utility Services carry out utility works to Albion Hill. This means that access to Northernhay the small access road at the back of Grafton Childcare might be tricky to access at times during the duration of the works. Vehicles are still permitted up and down Albion Hill whilst accessing Northernhay, but we felt it important to draw your attention to these works. Parents might need to allow extra time at dropping off and collection times because of possible extra congestion caused in Northernhay because of these works. Obviously any congestion caused is totally beyond our control, but we would ask all parents to please remember our parking arrangements still stand which are as follows:-

Before 9.30 am and after 4.00 pm ensure that at all times you park in our two designated areas on the Blue Tarmac and do not block access to other users. Please do not leave your engine running whilst dropping off your children. Not only is this illegal it is also very inconsiderate towards our neighbours. Or you can if you wish park in Mount Pleasant Road. But **please** do not park your vehicle at any time on the Double Yellow Lines outside the front of our property for any reason or in the disabled bay on the corner of Mount Pleasant Road. Once you have parked your vehicles, you can when the rear gates are open walk down our rear slope and ring the doorbell on the Conservatory door and a member of staff will assist you in signing your child in or out. Remember to ring the bell, so we know you are there! We are always very happy to

Please note that Grafton Childcare will be **CLOSED** on the following Bank Holidays:-

Friday 22nd April
Monday 25th April
Friday 29th April
Monday 2nd May
Monday 30th May
and full fees will be due whilst closed as per the terms of your contracts.



Parking Arrangements

store your Pushchairs and Buggies if needed. Remember when the rear gates are closed between 9.30 am - 4.00 pm then once you have parked at the rear of number 22 Torquay Road, you may only park here between 9.30 am - 4pm please walk around and collect your children from our front door. We would appreciate it if all parents could please cooperate fully with our parking scheme and don't let your parking skills lapse now we have gained planning permission as we do still have to get on with our neighbours. Please don't be offended if you come to the front door before 9.30 am and after 4pm and we ask you to walk around to the back door. This is for the safety of your child and all the children attending so that we can concentrate on who is leaving and arriving from one exit and not two and don't have to keep running from one door to the other with our register!

Red Nose Day, Friday 18th March

Can we thank all of the children and staff who wore some pretty amazing Silly Socks and Terrible Tights as well as one pair of Lovely Legwarmers! We all had a fantastic time, painting our own renditions of our silly socks and baking some very red muffins which we then sold to you all.

With all of your help and support this year we managed to raise £55.08, which is a brilliant amount from such a small setting like ourselves, so we are very chuffed. Once again thank you all for your support.

**FUNDRAISING
FOR RED NOSE DAY**

Comic Relief, registered charity 326568 (England/Wales), SC039730 (Scotland)

**RED
NOSE
DAY**



Sainsbury's & Tesco's Vouchers

Our collections of Sainsbury's and Tesco's Vouchers have got off to a great start and to date we have collected 435 Tesco Vouchers and 786 Sainsbury's Vouchers, so thank you very much.

Remember we are hoping to collect enough vouchers for a Sensory Play Tent, a Big Trolley to store our balls and hoops etc outside, a small laptop and some other robust ICT equipment for your children to use both in and outside the setting here at Grafton.

So please remind your family, friends, neighbours and the lady next to you in the shopping queue to save their vouchers for us, because every one really does count.

This & That!

The weather seems to be improving and we expect that shortly we shall be needing to apply sun-cream to all of the children before they go outside to play. As in previous years we are happy to supply a 50 factor sun-cream here. However should you wish to supply your own sun-cream if your child suffers from any skin condition and because of this needs to use a specific sun-cream then please remember to send a bottle in clearly labelled with your child's name so that it can be kept in our First Aid Cabinet. We can then apply it to your child as and when needed. We shall let you know if and when it needs replacing although one bottle will normally last each child throughout the Summer months.

This week we have Susan & Katie two students from Newton Abbot College spending the week with us as part of the schools Work Experience and Careers Programme. For many students this is their first experience of the demands and responsibilities of being in a workplace and a taste of life in the real world. Later on in the year we shall have two students from Stover School joining us during their schools Work Experience week, and we look forward to working in partnership with the two schools.

Since September last year we have had Jade Lofthouse spending two days a week with us as part of her NVQ2 in Childcare work placement from Newton Abbot College. Again these work placements give the students very valuable hands on work experience in a real work environment. Jade has been a pleasure and joy to have here during the last year and we are very pleased to announce with her time at college coming to an end that we have offered her a Modern Apprenticeship to commence full-time with us here at Grafton in the Summer, when she will undertake her NVQ3 in Childcare and join the team here officially at Grafton.

We are trying very hard to send out more regular monthly newsletters where possible, they will probably be shorter i.e. 4 pages instead of 8, but we hope they will be able to keep parents more up to date with the happenings here at Grafton. However this does have a cost implication, where possible we would very much like to send out all of our newsletters and invoices via email. If you have not as yet given us an email address for this purpose, please could you send Denise a quick email to denise.tupman@inbox.com and she will add you to our database. Lots of parents also use this facility to inform us of holidays and sickness and for quick chats about their children, which is a great way for us to work in partnership together, especially if we do not see one parent very often because another parent or relative does the majority of dropping off and collections.

Remember you can also use your Daily Diaries to communicate with us as well!