

Short Term Planning for July/August 2010

We are sharing this 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 books. Our mini child led focus over the next few weeks will be Holidays, Travel and Journeys, following parental feedback.

We have planned a whole host of activities for the children including just a few of the following items listed below. All of which will nicely link into Physical Development, & Knowledge & Understanding of the World which will be our Developmental Matters, Skills & Processes focus for the whole of the Summer. Watch out for those codes! Note when your child's Keyworker is on Annual Leave, this will mean that another member of staff will be completing your child's pages whilst they are away.

The Trips to Teignmouth & Torquay are provisional dates and need to be confirmed!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 Creating a Huge Sun & Umbrella	20 Focus on Weather activities	21 Journeys, around local Parks to check out the trees	22 Journeys, around local Parks to check out the trees	23 End of Term for Early Years Entitlement Funded Children
26 Lets send somebody a postcard!	27 Journeys, by rail or bus	28 Let make our own Passports	29	30 Closed Whilst New Windows & Doors Are Fitted
2 Lets talk about your families holiday plans.	3 Sun Safety	4 Trip to Teignmouth on the Train, home at 4pm ish!	5 Lets Make our Own Beach Huts	6
9 Packing our Suitcases	10	11	12 Lets go Camping	13
16 Holiday Fun For Grafton Bear.	17 Water Safety	18 Trip to Living Coasts in Torquay, home at 4pm ish.	19	20 Lets go Caravanning
23 Roleplay, Lets Take our Toys on Holiday Dayle Annual Leave	24 Dayle Annual Leave	25 Dayle Annual Leave	26 Roleplay, Lets Take our Toys on Holidays Dayle Annual Leave	27 Dayle Annual Leave



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Certificate of Lawfulness

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As many of our parents are aware since October 2009 we have had a few minor issues with some parents parking inconsiderately along Torquay Road, which has made it awkward at times for other road users to manoeuvre past their parked cars. Can we say a huge thank you to those parents who are now parking considerately, it is appreciated.

The upshot of this is that a member of the public made a complaint to Teignbridge Planning Department alleging that we were operating without the required planning permission. This is despite us being assured by D.C.C. and the Deputy Prime Ministers Office that we do not need planning permission to operate as Childcare on Domestic Premises, because we have made no material changes to the building and it is still wholly a domestic dwelling and no parking concerns have been raised by Devon County Council.

We have now applied for a "Certificate of Lawfulness", to keep the peace and parents have until **3rd August** to send in letters of support for our application. Quite a few of you have already done so, for which we would like to thank you.

However we have been advised that a few more of your letters of support would make a huge difference to how our application is viewed. A decision on our application should be made on or before 2nd September 2010.

If you have not yet written us a letter supporting our application you will find a sheet with more details and an SAE for you to send you letter directly to Teignbridge, tucked inside this newsletter. Please take the time to write us a short letter and remember it needs to be received by 3rd August so it can be viewed alongside our application. Every letter of support will make a difference, thank you.

Once read please place this newsletter into your child's Ring Binder for safekeeping



Update on our Tesco & Sainsbury's Collections



We would like to thank all our parents, family friends and neighbours for helping us to collect **20,240** Tesco Vouchers. This was a stunning amount and much more than we ever expected to receive so can we thank you one and all.

We have already started to receive some of our free items from Tesco we are sure many of you will have already spotted our Sheep Wall Numbers newly fixed to the front garden fence. We have also received a complete set of dazzling Squidgy Sparkle coloured circles, numbers and shapes that will encourage the children to develop their mathematical vocabulary.

The most amazing Tuff Cam and Microscope which is an ultra simple, purposely designed, child friendly 3 MP digital movie/still camera with a stand to turn it into a digital microscope. Plus four new small world play mats to use with our Tuff Spot in the front garden, our new ones are based on Dinosaurs, Under the Sea, Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales.

We are now just awaiting delivery of our Creative Cascade (see pictures above) and some themed footballs to complete our Tesco's order. All of these items would of cost us well over £600 if we have purchased them ourselves, so thank you everybody your help and support has been amazing.

We would like to thank all our parents, family friends and neighbours for helping us to collect **65,084** Sainsbury's Vouchers. This was a stunning amount 59,000 more than we collected last year, a pretty amazing total and more than some local primary schools, we are all very appreciative of everybody's efforts.

We will not start receiving our order until September or October, but thought you would like to know what we have redeemed them for! So here goes:-

- 1 Active Kids Huff & Puff Parachute Kit,
- 1 Air Hockey Table, 4 Kids Aprons,
- 1 Balanced Diet Set, which is a set of plastic foods which represent each of the food types to show how an adequate and varied diet is needed to keep healthy. The set comprises of 13 full sized foods and teacher's notes showing proteins, carbohydrates, fats, minerals, fibre and water.
- 1 Beanbag Zoo, which contains 36 bean bag animals, 12 sun hats,
- 1 Kid proof CD Player with Ipod Dock, 1 set of healthy eating puzzles,

3 sets of 30 coloured tennis balls, 1 Giant Trunk for outside storage
18 Hedgehog Stones, the soft rubber on these stepping stones will collapse when stepped on and the spikes give texture without being uncomfortable. Ideal for special needs.

Hopscotch Game and Number Snake, both to be painted onto the rear playground by Sainsbury's

1 lunchbox trolley, for use on outings, 1 Set of giant thermometers,

1 Road Safety Activity Set, 1 Multi purpose outings first aid kit,

1 set of assorted rubber grabballs,

1 set of mini sand and water pods for the front play area,

1 Wooden Sandtable with lid, for the front play area, plus a set of sand toys, oh and 2 Spatulas, well we had 58 vouchers left to use and thought Pat would find them useful! It's a fabulous list of items I'm sure you will all agree and worth almost £2,000 so pretty amazing

General Chit Chat From Grafton Childcare

During the two months we have had three lovely students spending time with us as part of their School Work Experience programme or the Job Centres Work Trial Schemes, where the unemployed can try out a work placement and see if childcare might be the career path for them in the longer term. It's been lovely to have Jo, Maddy and Alex with us and the children have enjoyed it as well.

We are very pleased to announce that Alex will be joining our team as an Apprentice Childcare Assistant from Monday 26th July and it already feels like she has been with us for months, not just as part of her two week Work Trial.

Towards the end of the Summer we are also hoping to be joined by Beth and Stacie who will be also undertaking their Apprenticeships with Grafton Childcare, we are just awaiting their CRB's to come through before they can both formally start with us, so watch this space.

We have some very exciting news, now we have these extra staff online we shall be expanding Grafton Childcare from 18 to 22 children each day and are already almost full two days a week, which is fantastic news in this current economic climate and thanks mostly to all of you fabulous parents for recommending us to your family and friends, we guess we must be doing something right.

We do have a few spaces now, so please pass on our number to those who might be needing childcare now or in the future if they are on maternity leave at the moment. Remember as a thank you we give a £25 M&S Voucher to the recommender once the new child has completed their settling in period with us successfully. We have popped some business cards into your bag for as & when!