

Short Term Planning for March/April 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14 Rose Absent	15 Rose Absent Red Nose Day Muffins	16 Rose Absent Red Nose Day Painting our Socks!	17 Rose Absent Red Nose Day Muffins	18 Rose Absent Lets all wear our Red Nose Day Silly Sock & Terrible Tights
21 Rose Absent	22 Rose Absent Our ITERS Assessment 9.30	23 Rose Absent Rapunzel's Tower & other Towers	24 Rose Absent Rapunzel's Tower & other Towers	25 Rose Absent Rapunzel's Tower British Summer Time Begins (26th)
28 <i>Happyland Around the World Small World Play Focus</i>	29	30 Happyland Around the World Small World Play	31 Eiffel Tower completed today in 1889	1 Mothering Sunday (3rd)
4 Staff Planning Meeting 6-7pm Kayleigh Annual Leave	5 Castles & Fairies Kayleigh Annual Leave	6 Castles & Fairies Kayleigh Annual Leave	7 Castles & Fairies Kayleigh Annual Leave	8 Castles & Fairies Kayleigh Annual Leave
11	12	13	14	15
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 Weddings Emily & Rose Annual Leave	27 Royal Weddings Emily & Rose Annual Leave	28 Royal Weddings 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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Planning Application

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We are very pleased to announce that on Monday 14th March, Teignbridge District Council unanimously approved our application for planning permission which is fantastic news.

It has been quite a stressful few months for Denise and the team at Grafton wondering if we would win our second application, but after the Councillors attended on Monday the 28th February for a site visit to view the parking situation for themselves, they made the decision that the two objections which had been received about parking concerns were not sufficient to outweigh the 45+ letters of support they had received for our application.

So we can all breathe a huge sigh of relief and get on with running Grafton Childcare on a day to day basis and making plans for the future and continual professional development of both the staff and setting.

Parking Arrangements

As a final reminder our parking arrangements are:-

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

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

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 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 signing in sheets!

Red Nose Day, Friday 18th March

This year we have lots of Silly fun and games arranged for the children on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. We thought we would make it very simple for both the children and staff and just ask that you all wear some **Silly Socks or Terrible Tights**. This could be on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday if your child does not attend on a Friday which is Red Nose Day itself.

So what do we mean by **Silly Socks or Terrible Tights**, well it could be something as simple as wearing some bright odd socks, or some very funky patterned tights, we know lots of the girls have some awesome tights. Sooooo please please can you make an effort for Red Nose Day to send your child in some **Silly Socks or Terrible Tights** for which we shall be asking for a donation of **£1**. Dayle our resident cake and cookie chef has plans afoot to bake some funky Red Nose Day Muffins with the children which again we shall be selling to parents for **£1 each**. We have one or two other craft activities up our sleeves with a sock theme and look forward to carrying them out with your children and hopefully together we shall raise an amazing amount for Red Nose Day.

**FUNDRAISING
FOR RED NOSE DAY**

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

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Sainsbury's & Tesco's Vouchers



As many of you are already aware both Sainsbury's and Tesco's have started their Active Kids and Tesco's Voucher scheme which we are again participating in this year.

From Sainsbury's this year we would very much like to earn enough vouchers to redeem a Sensory Play Tent and a Big Trolley to store our balls and hoops etc outside. From Tesco's we are very much hoping to collect lots of vouchers so that we can redeem them for 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 could you ask your family, friends, neighbours and the lady next to you in the shopping queue to save their vouchers for us, because every one counts.

Donations of Resources

Donations of toys and resources help us keep our costs down, so if you have any of the following items on hand and are willing to donate them, it would be greatly appreciated.

- Dressing up clothing child sized not old adult clothing, costumes, hats etc.
- Magazines that depict other cultures, old birthday cards etc.
- Paper of any kind, brown, white, coloured, waxed, foil, Spring & Summer colours would be very useful this month, etc.
- Crayons, water colour paints, or any misc. art supplies, such as fabric scraps, glitter, pipe cleaners, paper plates, etc.
- Any odd shaped boxes or packages, especially if you can get a dozen or so of the same size and shape, maybe from your place of work, we are very happy to help you recycle, these come in very handy for our junk modelling.
- Used padded envelopes, any size or amount.
- Anything that you think we might find useful for arts and crafts, just ask if your not sure.

Could we say a huge thank you to Alice's, Lottie's, & Emily's parents who have provided us with resources and bits and pieces during the last few months, it really is hugely appreciated thank you. Any items which we think we might not use we either recycle via Teignbridge Freegle or pop down to the Devon Air Ambulance shop, so nothing ever gets wasted here. You can find more info about Freegle here <http://www.freegle.in/Teignbridge>