



Manorcroft Nursery

Summer holidays

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Manorcroft Nursery Monthly Newsletter

Happy holidays

After two weeks of the holidays, the Chapman household is finally getting into the habit of lazy mornings, duvet days as well as time with friends and trips out. For this newsletter, I've put together some ideas for outings. Additionally some of the smartest people in Egham have taken the time to reflect on their life at Manorcroft Nursery and given me some ideas for the holiday.

It's been a fun year putting together the newsletters, but I am now handing over to Emma Warwick – the new secretary. I've included her email address above. Please contact Emma if you have anything to include in the next newsletter.

Wednesday picnics

These are going really well and are enjoyed by all those who come along. We will continue to meet up at the playground by the station on a Wednesday – from 11.30 onwards. Bring a picnic blanket & picnic and let the children burn off some energy while you have a chance to gossip – a perfect combination!



Horton Park Farm Trip

The farm trip was a great success. The children loved holding the rabbits and tortoise. Soft play was enjoyed by everyone, including a lot of intrepid siblings. Best of all the rain stayed away.

Thanks to Sharon and her team for organising such a great day out.

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THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO SEE...

Places to go

With so many things to do and places to see during the holiday, it is sometimes hard to actually make a decision! So these are a few tried and trusted ideas...

Bekonscot Model Village & Railway, Beaconsfield

<http://www.bekonscot.co.uk/>

This is the world's oldest model village. Open every day from 10-5.

They accept Tesco vouchers and go to

http://www.letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/Bekonscot_Model_Village_Voucher.aspx for a voucher for one free child with each paying adult.

A day in London's parks

The Chapman family had the most amazing day in London yesterday without paying for any more than the travelcard. And no, we weren't on a bizarre Princess Diana tribute outing, it's just how it worked out!

Peter Pan Playground, Kensington Gardens

http://www.royalparcs.org.uk/parks/kensington_gardens/diana_playground.cfm

A sandy, watery adventure playground for children of all ages and plenty of seating and benches for lunch. My one tip – bring spare clothes or swimming things!

Afterwards we then headed to the Serpentine but got distracted by the **Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain.**

http://www.royalparcs.org.uk/parks/hyde_park/diana_memorial.cfm

More than just a fountain, this is a watery walk that kept us entertained for ages. Again, swimming gear is recommended!

Shows to see

If your children are fans of the Gruffalo and other books by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler, maybe you could take them to the theatre:

The Gruffalo is on at Richmond Theatre from 2-4 August.

Room on the Broom is on at the Garrick Theatre in London from 1-29 August

Anyone with younger children might be interested in seeing **'In the Night Garden Live'** in the Meridian Gardens at the O2.



The Haven Centre

For activities on a budget, it is well worth exploring the Haven Centre and their summer holiday activities. From Bollykidz Indian dancing to day trips to Bognor Regis, there is something for everyone. I'm attaching a pdf of their timetable for your reference.

Remember – nursery starts again at 9am on Wednesday 8 September.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Huge apologies to Sam Hawkins for forgetting his birthday in the last newsletter. I hope you had a brilliant time on July 16th.

Happy birthday to the following for August...

2 August – Zoe & William
4 August - Mathi
6 August - Carys
14 August - Ollie
18 August – Ella
23 August - Isabelle



Thank you

Thanks to everyone who kindly donated for the staff's end of year present – they were thrilled to receive Debenhams vouchers and flowers.

A word from the Norfolk Tourist Board (according to Daniel G)...

Whilst chatting to Daniel during the trip to Horton Park Farm, I thought it would be good to get his recommendations for summer holiday activities. According to Daniel, if you go to Norfolk you can go to 'a steam train and museum, have a ride on a fire engine, there's a park and you can stay in a mobile home. There's a beach which you can walk to but it's not really a beach, it's sand dunes'. What more could you ask for?

Reflections from the class of 2010...

As we reached the end of term, talk often turned to what has made nursery the thoroughly enjoyable experience that it is. The comments from the children range from the profound to the obscure...

Why I love nursery...

'It's fun' – Benjamin 'I love my teachers' – Sammy
'Playing toys – Aardarsh 'I belong there' – Ned 'because I have friends there' - Amba
'because of lunch club and playing with my friends' – Bethany
'Jackie and Jane are the best singers - Jane is especially good in March' – Charlie S
'The best game we play is honeypot bear because you have to run in it and that is sports' – George
But I did have one complaint...
'Thunder and Lightning (the guinea pigs) always do nothing' - Edward

Guess the teacher (according to Charlie S & George)

Can you match George and Charlie's observations to the correct teacher?

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| 1. When she is not at nursery, she always goes playing football | a. Sharon |
| 2. She likes to read the best stories | b. Jackie |
| 3. she goes off and finds a toy she likes and ignores everyone till she's finished playing - then she'll come and find us | c. Jane |
| 4. She likes to stand still and play hide and seek and everyone runs round her | d. Margie |
| 5. At the end of a song she shouts laa, laa, laa, runs off and loses control | e. Margaret |
| 6. She is a bit bonkers and never knows where to go | f. Charlotte |