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Dear parents

Once again we find ourselves hurtling towards the end of another year. We are preparing the older children for their transition to 'big' school. This is to include visits by the reception teachers from all the feeder schools and a member of staff will be present at some of the children's school visits.

This has been a busy term for the children. We have been planting plants and vegetables and the garden is beginning to flourish. We are beginning to harvest our first vegetables for the children to taste - radish and lettuce. The children enjoyed a great day out at Stockley Farm - we have a display of pictures as a lovely reminder. Earlier in the term the children followed the life cycle of the butterfly, observing changes taking place from the caterpillar through to releasing some beautiful butterflies. We have other projects in the pipeline - Charlie has very kindly offered to donate some stick insect eggs and we are looking into hatching out our own chicks.

As part of our Fathers day celebration, this week we are inviting special people into pre-school to spend time with the children. This could be daddy, mummy, granddad, grandma etc and you are welcome to stay for as little or as long as you like. We have already had some 'mystery readers' in this term, which the children have really enjoyed and would welcome any other volunteers. Story times are held at 11.15 or 2.45 on any day. If you would like to do either of the above please speak to a supervisor.

We would like to welcome Charlotte to the Hollies team. She has been a student with us for the past 18 months and is now taking up permanent employment with us. She has been a brilliant student and we are sure she will prove to be an asset to our team.



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Many of the children have been enjoying school dinners provided by the school canteen. Anyone can use this service - the menu is available to print off from the website ([www.theholliespreschool.co.uk](http://www.theholliespreschool.co.uk)) or you can pick up a copy from Hollies. There are different options for your child can choose from and the meals cost 2.00. You can choose to have a school dinner each day your child stays for lunch or once / twice a week. If you would like to use this service please fill in a menu and pass to a supervisor with the payment.

It has come to our attention that some children are playing in the bushes near the main school gates. Could parents please ensure this does not happen, as we feel it is unsafe for the children to do so. May we also remind parents that we are not allowed to use the car park when dropping off and collecting children - from pre-school or afterschool/breakfast clubs.

May we ask parents to apply sun cream to their child before arriving at Hollies and we will re-apply some at lunch time.

At the Hollies we are very aware of our duty to encourage the children in our care to be aware of healthy eating and care for their teeth. At lunch time staff encourage the children to eat their savoury items and fruit in preference to chocolates and cakes etc. This as you are all probably aware is not an easy task. We all enjoy a treat but we would like to ask if this could be limited to one per lunch box. Please do not put nut products in lunch boxes, including peanut butter on sandwiches. Could we please ask parents to include a drink in their child's lunch box.



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If parents know of any session changes or cancellations for September 2010 to September 2011, could they please e-mail Liz by the end of this term.

If any parents of children starting at Lower Park in September need any sessions to cover the half days during the first two weeks of term please e-mail Liz - [liz.taylor@theholliespreschool.co.uk](mailto:liz.taylor@theholliespreschool.co.uk). Liz will confirm sessions by the end of term.

This years end of term party is being held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 11am - 1pm. Lucia will be here to entertain the children - details to follow.

We have decided to have a family barbeque as our next fundraiser. This will be held in September - date to follow. Everybody is welcome to come along, new parents and parents of children that are leaving for school - it will be nice to catch up and see how the children are doing and it will provide an opportunity for new parents to meet up.

We have an opening for a new committee member to join the fundraising team. After many years and much hard work Sara will be leaving us in July - a massive thank you from all of us. We need someone to take over school link and yellow moon (naming brochures and sending the order off) - if you are interested please speak to a supervisor.

We hope you all have a great summer - lets hope the sun shines!!