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Newsletter Summer 2

Dear Parents,

Just time to update you before the half term holidays.

The children have really enjoyed watching our eggs hatch and the chicks grow this term and have learnt so much about life cycles and being kind and gentle. This week we have all been enjoying the sunshine. This has been a fantastic opportunity to explore the properties of water, whilst keeping cool and having fun!



We hope you will continue enjoying learning with your child over the holiday. I hope you will have fun completing the treasure hunt and that you will return your completed sheet so that we can enter it into our prize draw.

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers



Active Kids

Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers are no longer being given out now. Please bring any vouchers you have and put them in the collecting box in the conservatory. Please ask any friends and family if they have any spare vouchers too – they will be very welcome! If you can count our vouchers for us, please let the Office staff know. Once we know how many vouchers we have we will be able to order some sports and cooking equipment for the children.

**Nursery School will be closed for half-term Monday 29th
May – Friday 2nd June**

Now the warm weather is here please can we remind you to send your child in shoes that cover their toes and not in open toed sandals. They also need to come in a top that covers their shoulders and neck. A sunhat is also very useful.



New signs

You may have noticed us using an updated logo at Victoria Park Nursery school this is part of a project to design a new website for the Nursery school & Family Hub. A big project for us – but we hope to go “live” next half term. Luckily for us the Local Authority has already agreed to pay for new signs outside our building to reflect the change of name from Children’s Centre to Family Hub. The new signs will have our updated logo on them and should be in place in the next few weeks.

Here are some other ideas for the holidays:

Friends of Victoria Park are organising a free Fun Day in Victoria Park on Saturday 27th May 9.00am – 3.00pm. For more information go to www.visitnewbury.org.uk/whats-on/calendar-of-events/victoria-park-family-day.aspx

If you can get out to Cottismore Nursery at Kingsclere RG20 4SY on Tuesday 30th May 10.00am – 2.00pm for a free Fun Day - Bring a picnic and enjoy a variety of children's activities; summer walk, butterfly count, planting activities, crafts. Drop in session no booking required. For more information telephone 01635 299949

Eddie Catz are running some Fun workshops – these are chargeable, for information www.eddiecatz.com

The Family Hub will be running their normal sessions, please look on our website for details.

30 hours provision from September

If you have not already done so, we recommend looking at the government's www.childcarechoices.gov.uk website. This is the one-stop-shop for parents to find out about all the free entitlements for two-, three- and four-year-olds, and tax free childcare. Here, parents can get information, apply and communicate so they know what and when they can access.

Please have a look if you think you will qualify for 30hrs provision. We understand that eligibility codes are now being issued and we can confirm your child's place with this code.

Picnics and Lunchboxes



The holidays can be a good time to try out some new ideas for picnic food that you can then use in lunchboxes during term time. Children may be happier to eat new things in their lunchbox if they have already tried it on a picnic with you! Here are some websites for ideas -

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/recipes?filter=lunchbox#zMM8mKQ5y9Tg81Ds.97>

<https://realfood.tesco.com/our-food/packed-lunch.html>

http://cdn.netmums.com/assets/files/2012/lc/food/lunchbox_table.pdf

