



Newsletter May 2021

It is that time of year where we are helping children with their transitions, whether this is our children moving on to Primary school or our younger children moving in to our older room. As you know it has been extremely difficult in the past year to implement any of these transitions as much as we would have liked to. We will be talking to the schools in which your child will be attending in the coming weeks to ask about what their plans are for transitions.

We will be walking around the school grounds on weekly visits, this will enable the children to be familiar with their surroundings, we will be putting into planning school role play using lots of different school uniforms. Our younger room will visit the older room when children are on their walks around the school grounds, each time the room will be thoroughly cleaned before children return. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak to myself or your child's keyworker.

In the meantime I would like to ask you as parents to help your children become as independent as they can. This next stage in their lives is important and by being independent will help them have a sense of achievement. Some things you can do at home to help independence:

- Encourage your child to put their own shoes and socks on. (making sure they have manageable shoes) This is vital for their confidence.
- Please give children time to attempt their own clothing when getting ready at home- we'll be practicing at Pre-School.

Helping your child's listening and attention skills by encouraging them to talk, look at books and play memory games.

In our Red room we have been learning the days of the week, months and seasons. please ask your child about "Donna's calendar time".

Fundraising

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support in our fundraising activities and for the committee for organising such wonderful events. Our treasure hunt was a huge success raising £1174.50. Mother's day was a lovely activity for the children to get involved in something they may have not experienced before, flower arranging! We raised £322.00.

Our new virtual market is doing really well with over 60 stalls and over 200 members! If you haven't yet got involved and would like a stall please contact Rebecca at Malkinwood@gmail.com or simply browse the amazing stalls that are already on there.

Don't forget if you are shopping online the easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fairwayspreschoolplaygroup>

We are also listed as a charitable organisation on Amazon Smilie, when you shop via the Amazon Smilie site, we will receive a donation of 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases made. The site offers the same products at the same prices as the regular Amazon site. If you would like to sign up, or to find out more, please visit

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1026716-0>

We have purchased new furniture with the money raised for both our reading corners. I have put the details and pictures on the display board and Facebook.

If you would like to join the committee please let me know, without our committee the Pre-School would not be able to continue.

We Need Your Vote!

It's competition time at Fairways Preschool Playgroup as we are in with the chance of winning a canopy!

A&S Landscape, a supplier of covered walkways in Essex, is awarding a shade sail to one lucky school.

The winner of this competition will be the school with the most votes so please help us to win!

Please visit <https://www.aandslandscape.co.uk/competition-page/>

We are near the bottom 😊 Competition ends on the 14th May

Please visit our website for up to date news. www.fairwayspreschoolplaygroup.co.uk

Dates for your diary

May 31st-4th June Half Term

Leavers party Monday 19th July PM- Red room children only. Normal session for Red room AM. Normal sessions for Blue room on this day.

Thankyou

Tracy