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Summer 2011



WELCOME
To my Childminding Newsletter. I plan to use this Newsletter to keep Parents informed about my childcare service and provide details of monthly themes, activities, holidays, children's birthdays and general reminders.



HOORAY - SUMMER is here

We had some fantastic weather in April, and May hasn't been too bad either – it has been great to have so many opportunities for the children to play and explore outside. Let's hope the good weather continues into the summer months!



TRAINING

I have now completed the Makaton Foundation Workshop, and plan to attend the Enhanced Workshop very soon.

WEBSITE

I am really pleased to announce that my website is now up & running www.helenmelVinschildCare.co.uk

THEMES

June – Numbers, Patterns & Shapes

The children will be encouraged to spot shapes, patterns & numbers all around them – on signs, vehicles, buildings, toys & clothing. They will start to count and recognise numbers, order, shape and colour – the possibilities are endless! But always having fun & discovering new things.



July – Old MacDonald Had a Farm

We will be learning about Farm Animals, the children will investigate who lives on a farm, they will learn to recognise the animals by the different sounds they make, what they eat & where they sleep?

August – Summer Holidays

The children will be looking at the different types of holiday, & they will be using their own experiences which they will share with the other children. We will look at holiday brochures, and talk about what we need to take on holiday & lots of role-play opportunities including taking our own seaside.



WELLIES & RAINCOATS OR SUN-HATS AND SUN-CREAM!

One day it's wellies and raincoats and the next it's sunhats & suncream! Typical summer weather!! The sun can still be very strong even on cloudy days, so please ensure that your child has a sunhat and suncream every day.



WELCOME!

'E' has just joined us & she has already settled in very well – lots of playing and exploring with the other children. 'C' is starting Big School in September & she will be coming back to play every week in the school holidays.



VACANCIES

Sorry, I have no vacancies at present...



SHOW AND TELL!

If your child wants to bring anything from home to complement any of our themes or just to show, then please feel free to do so.

BIRTHDAYS

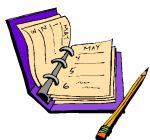
T : 3rd June
'O' : 14th June
'C' : 25th August



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th June : Father's Day
22nd July : School Holidays
29th Aug : Bank Holiday

Back to School : 6th Sept



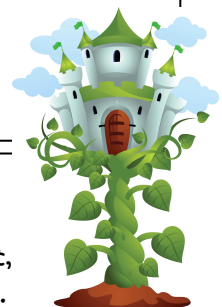
My Holiday dates
1st-12th Aug 2011

RICE KRISPIE CAKES

You will need: 225g milk chocolate, 125g rice krispies, cake cases

METHOD: Simply melt the chocolate in a bowl in a saucepan of water over a low heat. When the chocolate has melted, spoon the mixture into cake cases, and leave to cool in the fridge. Yummy!

Variation: try using cornflakes instead of rice krispies or decorate them with hundreds and thousands!



AND FINALLY.....

If you are celebrating something special like a birthday, a family event, a festival, or your child's special WOW moment, & you would like to share it with us, then please let me know.