

# May 2018 Newsletter

## Toys/Equipment HELP!

During the Easter Holiday Play Scheme, we had a big clear out of broken or half missing toys and now need to rebuild the stock. This is where you come in, we are looking for the following toys in good condition. So, if you're having a clear out, or know someone who is, please think of donating them to us. Thank you.

Cars, all sizes (especially emergency vehicles)  
Board games  
Sand/Water play equipment  
Wii games/controls etc.  
Lego/any construction toys  
Car/Farm mat  
Dolls House or furniture  
Play Mobile

**Hello** Welcome to my first WAC newsletter sorry it's taken so long, but I have been trying to get to know the school, staff, children and parents, and I'm sure you'll appreciate this has been a big (but enjoyable) learning curve for me.

After listening to those using the service I have started making some small changes to the structure of the club and introducing a few new activities. I want the club to appeal to and meet the needs of all the age groups that use the service, my aim is to make it more of a club for the children to come and explore with different activities and to make new friends. Saying that, we will always work to the school values and behavioural policies. We have many more ideas, but it will take a bit of time to implement them so please be patient and feel free to make suggestions. There is a suggestions box by the signing in book or email WAC.

We are very excited to be launching a new booking system very soon, we will be piloting it for the May Half Term Holiday Play Scheme. The hope is, booking a place on any WAC service will be quick and easy and controlled by you, no more having to call to check to see if there is a space, and no more invoices. We will monitor how it goes with the Holiday Play Schemes and eventually roll it out for all WAC bookings. This is a big change and there will be glitches so please bear with us. And if you have any questions /concerns please do not hesitate to come and ask me or drop me an email using the WAC email address.

Jo Green

## Menus

Please look out for the After School Club new 3-week Menu. We are just in the final stages of testing it with The children and should be publishing it at the end of next week.

We are introducing more freshly cooked items and hope to make it seasonal with fresh fruit/veg options every day .



## May Holiday Play Scheme

We will be holding the May Holiday Play Scheme from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May and we have a fun schedule planned, with Forest School, Sports, Cooking and much more. Please see the school website for more information.

After feedback from parents, we will also be running a Play Scheme on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June which is one of the school's INSET days, and hope to be able to do this for the majority of INSETS (depending on availability of staff).

## Butterflies

Some of you may have noticed we have released our wonderful Butterflies. We were lucky enough to watch them grow from small newly hatched caterpillars, change in to chrysalises and hatch into wonderful Painted Lady butterflies.

They were released by the children and staff recently to live in the woods at the back of the school.

We had great fun watching them change and for the younger children this was supported by the wonderful book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

This was so successful we will be repeating it later in the year



**If you would like to discuss any aspects of Bishops Down's Wrap Around Care (WAC) service please do not hesitate to contact me on the out email below:**

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