

A big 'Thank you' to so many of you for popping in to see us on World Book Day last week. It was great to see lots of mums, dads and grandparents joining in the fun - I was truly impressed with your enthusiasm for 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'!

We had an exciting time out in the church garden in the snow last month and a great time the day after when we explored welly-boot printing - take a look at the photos and at the results! We also enjoyed making dens and have explored some interesting textures and materials - soap snow and sand mousse to name just two!

We are now going to be learning about houses and homes, thinking about our own homes, shapes outside and in and different types of housing. We will also explore some building materials. If you have any suitable artefacts, photos of the outside of your house or pictures of interesting buildings, please speak to me. Whilst you're out and about, you could talk about the shapes you can see on houses, the different types of houses and perhaps the similarities and differences with your own house.

And finally, you will start to see some of the benefit of the Awards For All money. Look out for new tables and chairs and lots of new toys which are due to be delivered in the next 2 or 3 weeks! Eagle-eyed readers of the Leicester Mercury may have noticed an article on the award last week. I've included copy of the article over the page.

Lorraine Pointon, manager.

Bug-Busting!

We have recently had 2 reports of children with head lice. Please check your child. We do have a limited supply of fine toothed 'nit' combs available if any one would like one. You can find more information on 'Bug busting' (a chemical free method of treatment) at www.chc.org/bugbusting. It is an effective way of treating the pest if you are rigorous with sticking to the 3 day repeated cycle!

Term Dates 2007

Spring term

We close for the Easter Holiday
on Friday 30th March, 2007

Summer term

Mon. 16th April - Fri. 13th July
May Day Holiday - closed Mon.
7th May

Half term

Mon. 28th May - Fri. 1st June

The following article was in the 'Leicester Mercury' on 1st March 2007!

LOTTERY WINNER

01 March 2007

A playgroup has won a £10,000
Lottery award.

Hopscotch Playgroup, in
Westcotes Drive, Leicester, will
spend money from the Awards
for All fund on a climbing frame,
role-play scenes, dressing-up
clothes, furniture, staff training
and a website.

The playgroup is a co-operative.
It opened in September, offering
24 places, and is now looking to
extend its opening hours.

**Please remember to sign your
child in and out each day.**

We have recently had several days
when numbers did not add up!

Thank you!

Finally, just a brief update from
Rebekah. She has arrived in Fiji,
where it is apparently very hot!
However, she is enjoying the
work with the Red Cross and
settling in well with an
interesting family.