

We have had an exciting time recently unpacking and making use of our new equipment and toys. We were very frustrated when the climbing frame arrived without the mats! However it is now all here and the slide has been a BIG hit with the children, as has the train track and the Poly-M construction set.

This term we are learning about colour, shape and pattern. We have done lots of different types of printing and exploring mark-making with paint and we will be doing lots more! We are going to be thinking about each of the 2D shapes in turn and also introducing and naming 3D shapes. If you wanted to join in at home, play 'I spy' with shapes, can your child find the shape you've spotted? Also this term, if the weather remains dry, we are hoping to make more use of the church garden and get outside.

And finally, following on from our Ofsted inspection in March, we do now have the final report. We are very pleased with the outcomes and we will be providing you with further information in the next couple of weeks.

Lorraine Pointon, manager.

September 2007

We know that many of our children will be moving on to school in September. We are beginning to plan for next term and would appreciate it if you could complete a registration form if you will require your child's place next term.

We are also taking new registrations for September. If you know of children who may be interested in a place at Hopscotch; please let parents know to contact Lorraine.

Thank you



Term Dates 2007

Summer term

Mon. 16th April - Fri. 13th July

Half term

Mon. 28th May - Fri. 1st June

Autumn term

Thurs. 30th Aug. - Fri. 14th Dec.

Half term

Mon. 22nd Oct. - Fri. 26th Oct.



A couple of requests.

We are in need of spare clothing. If you have any trousers, leggings or t-shirts that your child no longer needs, please could you let us have them for our 'spares' box?

On a similar theme, please remember we do lots of messy activities at Hopscotch and although we do use aprons, splashes and wet sleeves cannot always be avoided! Therefore please don't send your child in their best or new clothes and, if possible, a change of clothes in a bag is helpful.

Thank you.



Advance notices



Val, the photographer who came in November, will be here on **Weds. 23rd May at 9am**. She does packs of photos at very reasonable prices and Hopscotch earns some commission on each pack sold.

In June we are planning to take part in the Barnardo's Big Toddle. We will be joining with Shake, Rattle and Roll, a parent and toddler group that meets in church, to do a sponsored walk around the church garden and raise money for Barnardo's, Shake Rattle and Roll and ourselves. More details later but we will need adults to stay and help with this!