

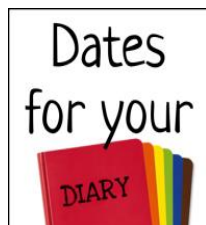


Mohair Centre

Newsletter

July 2019

Please ask to have a look in our lost property. We have accumulated rather a lot across the year. The end of term is fast approaching, and every room will be cleaning and reorganising for the new term, all lost property that isn't claimed will be donated to charity shops or labelled Mohair.



Dates for the diary:
Last day of term: Tuesday 23rd July
Holiday playscheme begins (5-11yr olds):
Wednesday 24th July
Bank holiday: Monday 26th August (Closed)
**For Term Time Only Children Term Begins:
Wednesday 4th September**



Thank you to all our parents, new and old who came to visit us on our open day. We were very lucky with the weather and had a lovely day celebrating the pre-schoolers graduation. It was nice to see extended families and for the children to them around the farm.

It is a celebration of how far all the children have changed and grown while they have been with us and are very ready for the next step in their education. Please come back and visit us!



For those children who are leaving but still want to enjoy a bit of the Mohair life: After School Care **is available** for children 4-11years old between 3pm and 6pm. Lots of Forest School and farm-based activities but also a chance to chill out after a hard day at school. We pick up from the following schools - East Hoathly, Chiddingly, Laughton, Hellingly, Park Mead and Ringmer. Prices vary between £13-£15 per session depending on the school. Contact Rachel/Jacky for more information and to check availability:
afterschool_mohaircentre@hotmail.co.uk

PARENT'S EVENINGS: DON'T MISS THEM!

Thursday 12th September 7-9 Talking About School Readiness

Tuesday 24th September 7-9 A Little bit of Farm School

All are welcome. Perfect for new parents. Come along and experience what the children experience. It will help you understand our ethos and how we feel we are preparing your child / children for the next stage of their educational life when they move on to the next room or they leave the Mohair Centre for School, with an eye to looking at what you can do to work together with us (really important!). The second one is focusing on what they are involved in on the farm and how the children learn from this. Please let Liz know if you would like to attend, either by email or phone 01825872457.



We love to help you understand what the children experience during their day. This was our **'Talking About School Readiness'** with parents last year. Quite a lot of problem-solving. After some discussion inside – thinking about what the School's say about the Mohair Centre children when they move up into their Reception Class, hearing from a parent on how they felt the Mohair Centre prepared their child to move on then thinking closely about the Characteristics of Effective Learning which we feel are the most important thing for them to have. A love for learning, confidence, independence and an ability to think round any of life's hurdles that come along. This is their TOOLBOX to take them on to learn anything they want / need to as they get older.



General bits on the farm:



A bit of news about Terry!

Terry the Tortoise went missing! This sparked endless conversation with the children about where he could be, what he could be eating, where he would be sleeping and of course the children were very keen to be out looking for him!

The children checked under bushes, inside the pigs, down through the woodland walk- he was nowhere to be found! After a whole day of searching the children went home a little disheartened, they hadn't found him.

At the end of the day the staff went out for one last search, Laura found Terry in the big field with the ponies! Terry is now being looked after by

the toddlers in a very secure enclosure until his new house is built in the allotment area.

Reminder about suitable clothing:

Can we remind parents that croc's and flip flops are not appropriate nor safe footwear for our environment.

The children spend the majority of the day outside, running, jumping and climbing and need a sturdy pair of shoes as the terrain on the farm can be unpredictable.

Below is our Clothing Policy:

"There is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing"

Our aim at The Mohair Centre is to ensure those attending a session are comfortable and enjoy the environment in all weathers. To achieve this they need to be dressed in comfortable, appropriate clothing and footwear. Old clothes are also essential as the children will be get muddy. Arriving in inappropriate clothing or footwear can cause health and safety concerns.

Below is a list of what children should bring with them.

Essential & named Summer Clothing

Sun hat, preferably with a neck cover and sun cream

Light long-sleeved top to protect from, scratches, bites and sunburn

Long **light** cotton trousers

Wellies

Essential & named Winter Clothing

Children will need at least 3 layers of clothes to keep them warm

Base Layer Thermal top and trousers worn next to the skin so they work effectively

Middle Layer Long sleeved top & thick jumper or fleece

Top Layer Well insulated waterproof coat and trousers, Warm hat

Gloves (**not mittens**)



Separate waterproof trousers are ideal as they are easier for the children to get on and off

Snow boots or walking boots with thick or thermal socks or washable lining

Welly boots do not keep feet warm in cold weather as they are poorly insulated.

New Pre-School Co-ordinator

We are pleased to announce that Caron Teague is re-joining the team in September as Preschool Co-ordinator. She will already be a familiar face to those who have had older siblings at the Nursery. She is an Early Years Teacher and Forest School Leader and has never lost touch.



We can't wait to have her back!