



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

November – not everyone's favourite month

There is a poem by Robert Hood and the last verse goes like this:

*No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member--
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,
November!*

It sums up pretty well what November feels like and we are in the middle of some pretty grey and chilly weather. I'll say again: coats are a must for children at this time of year and as we are spending a lot more time outside, children without coats will get wet and cold. Please make sure your children have them, named and ready to wear.



We are making good progress with our lunchtime play. The behaviour of the children has been exemplary. In the two weeks the field has been open I have had to deal with precisely no incidents at all. There was one small complaint that someone had removed a tyre from a den, but that was it! The children have moved about seven tonnes of pebbles to make the beach area; just one tonne to go. I am meeting staff this week to organise getting Y2 children to join it and I will let you know as soon as we've made a decision. Get your children's wellies ready! In order to boost our stock of interesting things to play with, we will be holding a non-uniform day (date to be announced), and in return, we would like each child to bring in one of the following:

- Toy car/vehicle (plastic or metal)

- A hat
- A bucket
- A hand trowel/small spade for digging
- Cuddly toy
- "Interesting" clothes for dressing up
- Metal pots and pans and safe kitchen equipment for our mud kitchen
- Plastic crates

I'm giving you advance notice so you have time to hunt around for stuff. Many thanks in advance. In the meantime, here are a few photographs from today's play:





Our new nursery was opened on 17th November by Chris Harvey who had worked at Whipton Barton for twenty-eight years prior to her retirement at the end of last year. With Exeter College students now hard at work with their tutor re-fitting the old nursery, it won't be long until all our nursery children will be able to enjoy a first class nursery environment. Please bear with us – we are working as quickly as we can! Here are some pictures of the opening day.



Vacancy

The Governors of the Whipton Barton Federation are seeking to appoint a School Cleaner. This position is for Monday to Friday – 3pm until 6pm - term time only. The above vacancy is permanent subject to a successful six month probation period and offers a salary at Grade A, scale point 6. For a more detailed outline of the role, job description and an application pack, please call Mrs Hall at the Infant School.

Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is not something parents can leave to chance. Please take time to read the attached advice for parents about Youtube - even if you have very young children. This link will take you to our website: goo.gl/LU18wj You can also access it via our Facebook page. It is really worth a look.