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Interim Newsletter – June 2021

Dear parents/carers,

We would like to draw your attention to a few updates, reminders and dates for your diaries:

Forest School

We are extremely excited to be visiting the forest school at Summerlea School on **Wednesday 14th July** with our older children. Unfortunately, we cannot extend this visit to our younger children but we hope to repeat it next year and they will then have their chance to attend. A reminder of the details of this trip will be sent out 24th/25th June to those to whom this applies.

Questionnaire

Each year we send a questionnaire out to all of our families in order to receive feedback regarding their experience of their child's time with us. These will be sent out in the next week and we would kindly ask that you spare the time to complete this. These are completely anonymous and allow us to ensure we are meeting the needs of all of our children and their families. The information received will be collated and any questions which arise will be answered.

Learning Journals

Once a term you are offered the opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journal and see what they have been doing at Rascals! This term we will be sending home our younger children's Learning Journals the week of the 28th June.

For our older children who will be leaving us to go to school, these will be prepared by the staff for our families to take home and keep as a reminder of their time with us. These will be given out to these children on the last day of term.

Arrangements for the Last day of Term

Our last day of term will be **Friday 16th July** and we are preparing to celebrate this day with the children with some party snacks, our bouncy castle and a fun disco.

Due to COVID restrictions we have tried to be imaginative with how we can accommodate a special day for the children who will be leaving us whilst also ensuring we are following all of the relevant guidelines. We would therefore ask that all parents arrive to the setting for 12.15 on this day and we would kindly ask that our younger children could be collected at this time. Everyone will then have the opportunity to remain outside and join us for the leaver's celebration or our families with younger children will have the option to head home to begin their summer holidays.

We would then have the opportunity to invite the parents of our school leavers to join us outside in the car park area where we would like to commemorate this day with a leaver's celebration and a chance for a group photo with these children and the staff. This celebration will include the presentation of medals, learning journals and a little treat for each child. The full details regarding the last day of term will follow nearer the time, with invitations sent out to the families that this applies to.

School Transitions

The summer term is both an emotional and exciting time as we prepare to say goodbye to those children leaving for school. If your child is due to start school this September please be assured that we are already in the process of

arranging transition meetings with the schools. Relevant information about specific transition arrangements and / or teacher visits will be communicated with you as soon as we receive it. **Please could we ask that any families who have not yet completed and returned their child's 'Moving On' forms do so as soon as possible to ensure all information is passed on in a reasonable time.** In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff.

Clothing & Sun Cream

We are looking forward to continuing to spend as much time as possible outside this term. As the weather continues to warm up we would ask that you start applying sun lotion to your children before they come to playgroup in the mornings. As you can imagine we simply don't have enough hands or time to apply lotion to every child so we would really appreciate your support. It is also a good idea to bring in some sun lotion CLEARLY NAMED. This can be stored and reapplied by staff through the day when appropriate such as if your child has been playing in the water and we feel we need to re-apply some more lotion we can do.

It is important that your child wears suitable clothing and footwear for the weather each day. **Please also ensure that you DO NOT send your child to playgroup in their best clothes or coat.** As the children need to feel free to explore and play; and the staff cannot be held responsible for keeping their clothing clean.

PLEASE make sure you write your child's name clearly and visibly on all of their belongings to avoid any confusion. Some children do enjoy taking their shoes and socks off whilst playing indoors so it would be helpful if you could clearly name their shoes.

Personal details:

Please ensure you inform us immediately of any change of details such as mobile phone numbers or other contact details for parents and your emergency contacts. It is essential that our records are kept up to date in case of emergencies. **Please also remember we will be unable to let your child go with anyone else unless you have previously advised us and provided a contact number for the person collecting your child.**

Medicines in Playgroup

Please be advised that any medical products needed at playgroup, **MUST** be given to a member of staff and paperwork will need to be completed. **Please do not leave any medication in your child's bag under any circumstances** as the children have free access to the cloakroom area.

If your child is put onto a course of antibiotics please keep them at home for the first 48 hours. Once they return to playgroup please inform a member of staff of the medicine they are taking and how many days the course lasts for. You will not need to sign the form everyday in this instance, just the first day.

Please do come and speak to a member of staff if you have any queries or questions. Alternatively, you can call the Rascals mobile number or email us. All the contact details are shown on the front of this newsletter or on our website.

Dates for your diary:

Forest School (SCHOOL LEAVERS ONLY) – Wednesday 14th July

Learning Journals sent out (YOUNGER CHILDREN ONLY) – week beginning 28th June

Last day of Term and Leavers Presentation – Friday 16th July

FIRST DAY AUTUMN TERM – Monday 6th September

All this information and more can be found on our website: www.rascalsplaygroup.co.uk

Regular updates can also be found by liking our Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/RascalsPreSchoolPlaygroup

**Thank you for your continued support.
THE RASCALS TEAM**

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[PLEASE NOTE: The Rascals mobile phone and email address is constantly monitored by Tracey. During out of hours and particularly over weekends and holidays you may not receive an immediate response. However, if you are contacting us with a matter of urgency a telephone call or voicemail is always the best course of action.]