

Friends of Meadowbrook Montessori



Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you for the recyclables and children's toys, books and games that have been deposited in the collection boxes at both sites, the collection is coming along nicely!

Clarity about the children's activities for the Summer Fete

The Treasure Washing Line. The children have been decorating A5 white envelopes at school. The invitation is then for them to find some 'treasure' from home to put inside. We emphasise this is *their* treasure and not the treasure of anyone else! For example, good condition pencils, rubbers, stickers etc. This is then brought into school to place inside their envelopes. Before they are sealed, tickets will be placed inside one of the envelopes. On the day of the Summer fete, the now *treasure envelopes* will be hanging on a washing line for sale at a cost of 50p with the opportunity to find some new treasure **and** a chance to win those tickets that are hiding inside one of them!

Painted Flower Pots. Each of the children at Pre-primary and Primary are painting Terracotta pots. These will be available for sale at the Summer Fete. For anyone not attending on the day, the Primary children's pots will be on sale on Friday 24th June at the Primary building while we are setting up. Pre-Primary children's pots will be available for purchase by contacting your class rep Zoe Steed or Nikki Huntwood. There is a suggested donation price of £2.50

Fund Raising Raisins. The fund raising raisins, as recently mentioned, has the potential to raise a substantial amount towards the minibus. The aim is to have all the bottles filled and back at school by Friday 24th June, the day before the Summer Fete. We are hoping to announce how much we have raised in total as soon as possible after the event.

Bunting Decorations. The children are participating in the making of bunting at school by decorating pennant shape card that will then be attached to ribbon and hung at the Fete adding to the festivities! The idea is that your child's piece of bunting would remain at school after they have left, so they may return in future years and seek out their artwork, reconnecting with the Meadowbrook community and their memories of their time here.

Donations of Toys. The children have been invited to consider if they have a pre-loved, or unwanted toy, book, puzzle or game that they would be happy to donate for fundraising for the minibus at the Summer Fete. This could also include DVD's

Other Summer Fete News

New Collection Box Signs. You will be noticing new signs on the collection boxes over the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out. You may be able to offer that one item that we need for a stall activity!



Volunteers. This week the class reps have been tasked with seeking volunteers to help man the stalls, and to help set up the grounds the day before. Any offer of help will be greatly appreciated. even if it is for an hour. "Many hands...." and all that. Please see the list of class reps on the FoMM noticeboard

Bakers. Bakers are being sought for our cake stall. You will see a list and sign-up sheets at both sites over the coming days. Having a variety would be great, so several bakers providing small quantities of different choices would be ideal. Not a baker? No time? No problem. Bought cakes work too. Delivery of cakes will be co-ordinated the week of the Fete. A reminder about the schools nut free policy, please ensure the safety of our children and make sure there are no nuts or traces of nuts.

In response to some of your questions about how pre-primary will benefit from having the minibus, here are some ideas from the Head of Pre-primary, Barbara:-

- Visiting Black Pig Farm on Cricketers Lane to learn about farming
- A topic related trip to the Recycling centre in Bracknell and their education room.
- A topic related trip to Tesco's for a tour about food and healthy eating.
- A visit to the Bracknell Look Out Discovery Centre in relation to science projects.
- Visiting our local library to sign out books and attend workshops...ideas are plentiful and varied!.

Reminders. Please remember to hand back your completed invitation to tea & cake on 7th June, and keep those Collection Box donations coming!

Any further questions, queries, thoughts or suggestions please contact your class rep. There will be a weekly communication from FoMM with information relating to our developments and activities.

Many thanks, and kind regards

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