

Leapfrog Newsletter



Autumn Term - October 2010

Parents Evening

It was great to welcome so many people to our Open Evening, held on the 6th, including some who were completely new to our school. This was an opportunity to meet staff and fellow parents, familiarise yourself with our philosophy and ask any questions. We felt that there was a very positive and purposeful atmosphere at this enjoyable event, but if you missed it or know of someone who may be interested in our school, we still have information packs available.

Parents of children in 'Hoppers' are very welcome to arrange an hour or so when they can visit our afternoon K1 class with their child, and see for themselves what a busy and exciting time we have.

Dates to Remember:

October 18th-22nd—Half Term Break

November 6th—Halloween Party!!



Halloween Party

Our major Fundraising Event will take place on **Saturday, 6th November**.

Planning is well underway, but further volunteers are still needed, either for advance preparation, or specific jobs on the day. Please let us know how you can help.



Half Term Break

Please note that there is an error on our calendar. We finish for the Half Term break on Friday, 15th October, returning on the Monday 25th October, as this is NOT a holiday. Sorry about the confusion.

Kindergarten Themes

The 'Wellcome' supermarket has proved to be very popular, particularly with the children in K1. They have really enjoyed stacking the shelves and scanning and purchasing the items on display. We have also made shopping bags and purses in art and craft, and talked about the notes and coins used in Hong Kong. Thank you for all your contributions.

On our return to school after the half term break, we will be learning about 'animals'.



Creative Playgroup

Hoppers and Tadpoles are provided with various activities like play-dough, painting, waterplay and arts & crafts that covers the different areas of learning and development.

The Hoppers had great fun making their very own coconut tree which has relevance to the story *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*: By Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

The last week of October will be focused on the topic of Halloween. Children will learn about pumpkins, scarecrows, corn, witches, cats, bats, etc with lots of fun crafts to make!



To Kindergarten Parents

Dear Parents,

You will have gathered from the last Newsletter and our Open Evening that we at Leapfrog consider numeracy and literacy skills to be of great importance.

The children have made great progress through a wide variety of activities that have been introduced over the last few weeks, and are now ready to move onwards and upwards after the Half Term holiday.

K1 have been learning the first set of letters and 'camera' words; s, m, c, t, g, p, a, o and I, the, was, to, are, and she. They will now be moving on to the second set, r, l, d, b, f, h, I and u. The new 'camera' words will be day, of, a, he, today and for.



K2 have been learning the second set of letters, r, l, d, b, f, h, I and u, and the 'camera' words; day, of, a, he, today and for. They will now be moving onto the third set of letters, v, w, y, z, n, k and e. The new 'camera' words will be all, is, me, no, they and said. We will be reading and writing three letter, such as pen, that use all of the sounds covered so far.



Consolidation of the sounds at home, even for just five minutes a day, is really helpful to your children's progress. May I remind you that we say the sounds the letters make rather than the names of the letters, rarely using capitals, apart from the initial sounds of names and places. Reading and enjoying stories with your child is still the most beneficial way to help them develop a love of language, so please take advantage of the books that they choose to bring home with them each day.

We will be setting up a flexible rota system for Duty parents at Kindergarten after Half Term. Please let us know when you are available, and thank you for all the support you have offered so far.

The time really flies by quickly at kindergarten, and it is difficult to believe that the Half Term holiday is almost upon us. Whatever you are doing, wherever you are going, and whoever is coming to stay, may I take this opportunity to wish you a great week. I hope that we can all return invigorated and prepared for the hectic time ahead of us leading up to Christmas.

With very best regards,

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