



Newsletter

Helen Gibson Nursery School
April 2015

Visit

A small group of our children will be going to visit Marine Park School to see how they use their fire pit to cook multi cultural food. Mrs Seeley will speak to the parents of the children who are going on this visit. All children will get a chance to go out on visits so if they don't go this time they will still be going out on a later date.



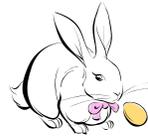
Forest School

Our next group of children for Forest School starts on Tuesday the 21st of April. Morning session is 9.15 - 11.15 and the afternoon session is 12.45 - 2.45. Children should be dropped off and collected from West Boldon Lodge.



Holidays

We break up for our Easter holidays on Thursday the 2nd of April and come back Monday the 20th of April.



Gardening Group

We are starting a gardening group and would love for you to come and join us. It will be held weekly and give you the opportunity to come in and work with your child in creating a fully functional allotment where we can grow our own produce. It will take place on a Wednesday morning one week then the following will be in the afternoon (if your child comes in the morning that day then you can attend in the morning session and if your child comes in the afternoon you can come after lunch). There will be an opportunity to plan what we would all like to grow, plant and then sell our produce. These sessions will commence Wednesday the 29th of April and the first will involve coming along for a cup of tea / coffee and having a chat about what we might do. If you intend to come twice in a month you will need DBS clearance which the nursery can provide free of charge.



Giraffe Parent Chats

We are re arranging the Giraffe chats for Monday the 27th of April. Could you see Mrs MacDonald to arrange the time?



Little Dribblers

This will commence Friday the 24th of April 9-10 and 1-2. It will take place on the grounds of the nursery so if you like you could bring your child to school a little later so that you are not hanging around.



Mother's Day Coffee Morning

The Mother's Day coffee morning raised a total of £1635.48. Many thanks to all of those people who attended.



Cake Stall

A huge thank you to the Penguins for providing the lovely cakes for our cake stall. We raised £64 for the PTA. The PTA money is being used to fund our visits to forest school.



Get to know our Governors

Hello my name is Eileen Thompson. I am Chair to the Governors at Helen Gibson Nursery. I was appointed in November 2012, although I have been a Governor for over 20 years. My involvement started when my daughter (who is now 27!) started at East Boldon Infants. At that time there was one governing body covering all East Boldon Primary schools but successive governments have insisted each school now has its own. I have lived in East Boldon since 1981 and am now retired having worked for over 40 years in local government in the legal department as a property lawyer. The governing body meet regularly with a full termly meeting to discuss all issues relevant to the school and additional meetings, as and when necessary to discuss urgent items such as agreeing the budget. We also have smaller working parties to discuss issues such as leadership and management, behaviour and safety and curriculum matters. It is the responsibility of the chair to ensure meetings are run efficiently with everyone having a voice and all governors clear on items discussed. The chair is also responsible for ensuring the governors and the school are fulfilling all statutory functions and ensuring the strategic focus for the school. Personally, I am responsible as link governor for Special Educational Needs and Inclusion within the school and behavioural issues. I would recommend being a governor to all parents where possible. It is hard work but so rewarding. We have a brilliant school at Helen Gibson Nursery and Kids club with a committed governing body and an inspirational Head and fantastic staff. I look forward to the future with great optimism that Helen Gibson will be rated as an outstanding school at its next Ofsted inspection.



Have an amazing April

