



Treetops School

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Hi All,

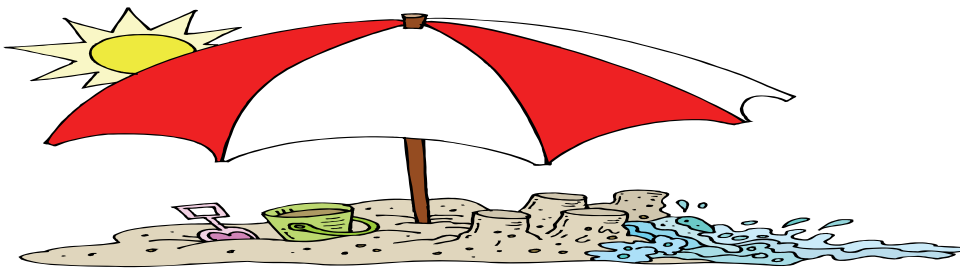
How quick has the first half of this year gone? Not only have changes been made regarding the Portage Service going term time but we are also changing our support group. From September we are going to be holding regular Portage Playgroup sessions. These will be every Friday from 9.30am-11am at Treetops School. This group is open to all families on the waiting list, current families and families who have recently been discharged from the Portage service. We hope that it will be a good support for families to meet and share ideas. We will also be looking at what parents would like with regards to monthly speakers which could include information from Health Visitors, Nurseries, Benefits, Etc.

We look forward to seeing you at our first Portage Playgroup

on

Friday 9th September

"Enjoy Your Summer keep safe in the sun"



**Beacon Hill School** are offering a new group starting in September it is called Little Steps, Big Fun, sessions will be held every Monday afternoon from 1.30pm -3.00pm and is open to children with additional needs under the age of 3 years. Check out Beacon Hill Website for more information [www.beaconhill.thurrock.sch.uk](http://www.beaconhill.thurrock.sch.uk) or call 01708-852006

**The Sunshine Centre** have a new website that is full of information for families who have children with disabilities, they have also purchased 2 caravans at Walton-on-the-Naze through the Aiming High Fund which can be booked via their website the website address is [www.sunshinecentre.org.uk](http://www.sunshinecentre.org.uk). Your child does not need to access the centre, but does need to meet the Aiming High criteria and be a Thurrock resident. You can call Karen or Sarah for more information on 01375-413525

Please contact us at the Portage office on 01375-898652 with news or views (Term Time Only)

From  
June and the Portage Team



## JULY BIRTHDAY'S

Ella Mae Fry—3

Ben Borthwick—2

Joei Burgess—2

Samuel Oderinlo—1

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

Sophia Hardwick—2

Tilly Barnes—2



Little boys and girls love to play in the dirt, and these delicious dessert cups allow them to really enjoy it. Crushed chocolate cookies and instant chocolate pudding create a muddy earth in these cups, while gummy worms and insects wriggle out of them.