

Nursery NEWSLETTER - May 2016



Welcome to the "Summer" Newsletter!

The children are enjoying fun in the sun. Please help us to keep them safe. Can you please make sure that your child is wearing sun cream when they come into Nursery on sunny days. We will apply more cream during the day.

Sun Safety: We are asking each family to donate a bottle of Nivea Factor 50 Suncream to the Nursery. This will be kept in a central supply to be used with all children.

Please send your child with a sunhat (name written in) to protect their head. Again we do have some available as spares.

We will be taking plenty of sun breaks on hot days to help the children to stay cool. Please help us by making sure that they are wearing cool clothing.

Attendance: Congratulations to our children that gained 100% attendance for the Spring term! You are Superstars!

Please help your child to win their award during the Summer term by bringing them to nursery for every single session. 100% attendance makes a huge difference to your child's learning and development.

Welcome back: We welcome Amy back from her maternity leave. She now has a group of Rising 3s, who are settling beautifully into Big Nursery.

A HUGE thank you to Sainsbury's, Maypole, who kindly donated the prizes for our Easter competitions.

Parent Workshop: On Wednesday 22nd June we will be hosting a parent workshop around early reading, writing and numeracy. We will also be talking about preparing your child for starting Primary School.

Workshops will be held at 9.30, 12.30 and 4pm. Please see Laura Hitchmough for more details.

Projects:

Our Curriculum projects are going at a great pace!

Wonderful Worms

The Forest Garden

Grow it, Cook it, Eat it

Transformation and characterisation

Artists from the past, Our artists of the future

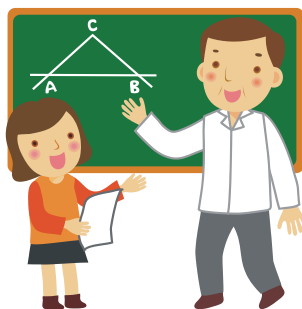
If you would like to be involved in any way please do ask!

All these activities are very messy, please ensure your child has a full change of clothes and shoes in a named bag .Thank you.

Parent Consultations

These will take place for ' Little' Nursery week commencing Tuesday 21st June, and 'Big' nursery week commencing Monday 27th June.

Your child's teacher will be asking you to make an appointment during the next few weeks...



Transition

After Half-term children who are moving into 'Big' Nursery in September will be spending time with staff in 'Big' Nursery getting used to the environment.

This is a natural process for the children as they already know the staff due to us all sharing the garden.

If you haven't already, please let your child's teacher know which school they are going to as soon as possible. We will be contacting the schools during this half term to arrange for your child's new teacher to visit them in Nursery during the last half term.

We will be sending your child's records to their new school before the end of term so if your child's school has changed could you please let Laura Hitchmough know. When your child goes to school can you please show their teachers their Tapestry learning journal, as they show what a wonderful person they are!

Car parking: Please be aware that only parents with a disabled badge can use the parking spaces labelled as such in our Children's Centre car park. We know parking is difficult at collection times but please support our families with disabled children by NOT parking in these spaces.

Too many children are leaving Nursery early, and group times at the end of the day are being disturbed. Please only collect early in an emergency.

What else is happening?

Allens Croft Olympics

Our Family Summer Fun Day will have a sporting twist this year! We will be hosting a fun filled celebration day to celebrate the end of the school year and the upcoming Olympic Games. The Allens Croft Olympics will be on **Wednesday 13th July**. Invites will be with you soon...



Holiday Provision

You can still access the Nursery provision during the Summer break through our day care provision. You should receive a separate letter with details about this. Please see Amanda Smith with any queries.

Can you help?

- ✓ Do you have a sporting talent? If so, could you spare an hour of your time to work alongside one of our teachers for our Startwell project? *Please see Julie McCarthy or Laura Hitchmough for more details.*
- ✓ We have lots of young engineers in Nursery! If you have any unwanted metal items (that don't have sharp edges) can you please donate them to Nursery? We can use nuts and bolts, metal fixing, castors etc.

Dates for your diary

Witsun Half Term- Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June - **teacher training day** - Nursery closed to Nursery school and sessional children

Monday 20th June - **teacher training day**- Nursery closed to all children

Friday 15th July - last day of Nursery for all nursery school and sessional children

Children starting Big Nursery in September 2016

If your child already goes to Little Nursery and is starting Big Nursery in September, we will be having induction sessions on:

Monday 4th July at 2.30pm

Tuesday 5th July at 4.30pm

Wednesday 6th July at 9.30am

This will be a chance to ask any questions about your child's transition, their settling in pattern in September, to update your paperwork and to meet your child's new teacher.

Please see Amanda Smith to book your slot.

For all children returning to Nursery we return on Tuesday 6th September 2016.