



Newsletter April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank all **Mums, Nans and Aunts** who attended our mother's day afternoon tea last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you turn up and take part and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

We have found the new **parking regulations** seem to be working well for both staff and parents however, we would like to ask all parents to use the nursery set down bays when picking the children up and dropping them off **ONLY** i.e. not parked in our bays to go shopping to Aldi etc before coming to collect your child. It has also been brought to our attention that some parents are leaving their cars running in the mornings while dropping the children off, it is not healthy for children if cars are left running and we kindly ask that this is stopped.

As most of you will now be aware, from **September 2017** the government will be introducing a new **30 hours** funding scheme for children the term after their 3rd birthday. For further information on this please visit www.hmrc.co.uk

We are continuing to collect the **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**. It's easy to collect vouchers for Active Kids if you shop in any Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and online at sainsburys.co.uk. You will be given 1 voucher for every £10 you spend in store so please continue to place any vouchers you receive in the box in our reception area.

The nursery is becoming very busy therefore if you are thinking of **increasing your sessions** or **booking extra sessions** please book this in advance to avoid disappointment! Once extra sessions or holiday club is booked we do require one weeks' notice to cancel these or the full amount will be charged.

We would like to thank all of you who have helped build the nursery and our reputation through recommending a friend! We are becoming extremely busy and now have a waiting list in our Seaside Room and Meadow room and have limited positions in Farmyard and Preschool. Please continue to spread our name and you may be entitled to our **"Recommend a Friend" discount and receive a huge saving of 25% off one month's fees!**



Did you know?

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on smoking

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/tobacco/Pages/Dangers-of-Secondhand-Smoke.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on safety in the sun

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/safety-in-the-sun.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on healthy teeth

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/dentalhealth/Pages/Careofkidsteeth.aspx>

Please note, that children's tooth brushes should be changed every 12 weeks, therefore, we ask that you provide a new toothbrush for your child even if they only have one tooth!

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

This month we will continue to explore the season Spring and will be looking at baby animals that are born at this time of year such as, lambs and chicks and the noises they make. We will also be exploring the different textures of the animals including wool and feathers and putting these in different media for the children to explore and make marks. Lastly, we will be celebrating St Georges day by making flags using red and white paint, paper and other materials.

Parent Link: Can you look at some simple stories about baby animals or go to a farm and encourage the children to begin to make some animal noises.

Seaside:

This month we are going to be doing lots of fun Easter activities such as getting messy, exploring different textures and doing some Easter themed cooking. We will also be taking the children on lots of spring walks to look at the different coloured flowers that are growing and will be doing some activities at nursery about the season spring and the animals that are born.

Parent Link: Can you go on some spring walks and look at the different flowers growing, can you encourage the children to start to identify what colours the flowers are.

Meadow:

This month we will be reading our new book “Roaring Rockets” and will be doing lots of different activities such as; making our own rockets, exploring galaxy themed playdough, looking at the planets, spacemen, making space boots and lots more. We are also going to be getting the garden ready for the children to explore in the summer and we will be planting flowers, fruit and vegetables and visiting the shops to buy the seeds and bulbs to help the children understand the full cycle of a plant. Lastly, we are going to be doing lots of fun Easter crafts and activities, including a boiled egg race, Easter cards and making our own chocolate Easter eggs!

Parent Link: Can you plant some seeds/bulbs at home and bring in the photos for the children to share with their friends.

Pre School:

This month we will begin to look at life cycles and what changes happen over time and why these changes occur, we will do this by looking at stories of animals and doing some planting and watching the seeds grow into flowers, fruits or vegetables. We will continue to develop the children’s knowledge of health and hygiene by looking at our teeth and will continue to do this by exploring healthy and unhealthy foods along with, exercise and why it is important. We are also focusing on developing the children’s fine motor skills and increasingly gaining control when using writing tools, we will encourage the children to form recognisable letters and shapes.

Parent Link: Can you practice using writing materials at home and writing some of the letters in your name?

Gentle Reminders

Now that the weather is warming up and reaching **UV levels of 4**, please make sure that you provide a **sun hat** for your child. We will be providing **sun cream** as usual but if you wish to provide your own, please do so as soon as possible.

Please be sure to **park** in the correct places now that the new parking rules are in action; the **loading bays, numbered bays, Aldi set down and disabled bays are NOT permitted**. If you have not yet collected your **green parking** permit please collect this from Kirsty, Janine Helen or Rosie.

I would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and all children, parents, carers and visitors should have vacated the premises by this time. Should you require verbal feedback on your child’s day, please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to allow you to leave before 6.00pm. **As you are aware, charges will be levied for delays after 6.00pm and we really do not want to be in a position to charge this.**

Please don’t forget to check your parents’ information boards, facebook and our website for further information and reminders.

Dates for your Diaries

Easter Fun Day, Saturday 8th April

Come along to our exciting Easter Fun Day on Saturday 8th April between **10:30am and 1:30pm**. We will have various different activities for all children to take part in including, making Easter bonnets, Easter baskets and other arts and crafts. We will also have some different stalls such as; face painting, a cake stall and find the lucky golden egg.

Tickets are on sale now if you wish to attend and are priced at, **£2 entry for adults** (includes hot cross buns, biscuits, tea, coffee and juice) children can come for FREE.

In addition to this, we will be having three Easter egg hunts for the children to take part in; this year we will be having set ages in the hunt to make it fair for all children taking part. Places for the Easter Egg hunt need to be booked in advanced. **Please note that you will be UNABLE to book an Easter egg hunt on the day.**

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the times below;

11:00 am – children up to 2 years old (3 space left)

11:45 am – children aged 2–4 years (3 spaces left)

12:30 – Children aged 4 years + (7 spaces left)

To pay for your tickets and to book to take part in the Easter Egg hunt please see Janine, Kirsty or Rosie.

All funds raised will be put towards new resources for the children.

Nursery Training Day, Monday 10th April

The nursery will be closed for a staff training day therefore, alternative childcare will need to be arranged. Please note that you are NOT charged for this day and this has already been taken into account when calculating your fees.

St Georges Day, Monday 24th April

Where possible all children are to come to nursery dressed in red and white or medieval outfits such as, princesses and knights, they will also be participating in arts and crafts throughout the day such as making flags, crowns, dragon masks and shields.

The day will then close with an English afternoon tea, consisting of finger sandwiches and scones with jam and cream.

Parents Evening, Monday 15th May 6.30-8.30 pm

A 10 minute parent consultation evening will be held to discuss your child's learning and development with their key worker. Booking times will be made available two weeks before this date therefore, please speak to your child's key worker to book a time slot that suits you both.

Road Safety Day, Wednesday 22nd May

Children are encouraged to bring their bikes, scooters, cars, trucks and walkers to the nursery to use out in the garden and learn about road safety. The children will be making various arts and crafts to help them understand the rules of road safety and to use these in their role play when in the garden such as; traffic lights, lollipop signs, stop signs and different crossings. We are also hoping to have someone come in from the emergency services to talk to the children about the rules of road safety.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Kirsty, Janine and Team.