



Newsletter July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a **huge thank you** to everyone who came along, donated and sponsored staff with our **Brain Tumour Research Fun Day** held at the nursery on Friday 26th May. We are pleased to confirm that we raised a staggering **£1,522!** Sadly, the parent who we raised this money in honour of, has now passed away; we are glad that she was able to make the fun day and was aware of and extremely grateful for the sum of money that we raised; our thoughts are now with her husband two children.

You may be aware that we have a cage **with 6 ducklings** situated in the corridor; for everyone to see; please ensure that when entering and leaving the nursery that the children **do not open** the cage, there will be lots of time to spend **handling the ducklings, watching them swim in a paddling pool, helping to feed them, clean them out and participating in many educational activities.** Please keep an eye out on our facebook page and the displays throughout the corridor and reception.

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. The following website is now active and you can log on to see if you are eligible for the 30 hours, if you are eligible you will be given a code, and we ask that you kindly **put this code in an e-mail** to us for our records and long with **both parents National Insurance Numbers**

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

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 Meadow 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 how to handle sleep issues with toddlers and children

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/sleep-problems-in-older-children>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on helping your child to achieve a healthy weight

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/child-health-measurement-programme-overweight-advice.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on starting school

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/starting-school.aspx>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

This month we will continue to practice for our sports day and look forward to all of you coming to watch. We will also be exploring activities related to the beach such as exploring wet and dry sand, filling and emptying sand and water, making moulds and sand castles as well as exploring jelly, strawberries, ice cream and whipped cream

Parent Link- Can you take your child to the beach to explore that sand and sea? Can you allow them to eat an ice cream and build sandcastles! Take photographs and send them in!

Seaside:

This month we will be looking at the life cycle of a duckling and doing many activities about ducks to celebrate the ducklings being at the nursery. For example, printing with rubber ducks, catching the ducks in our duck pond, setting up a sensory based duck pond for the children to touch and feel and going for walks to the nature reserve and pond to see some ducks, fishes and butterflies. We will also be reading lots of stories to the children about ducks and will be spending time with the baby ducks each day until they leave the nursery.

Parent Link- Can you take your child to feed the ducks; can you count how many you see and sing some nursery rhymes such as “5 Little Ducks”. Take photographs and send them in!

Meadow:

This month we will be exploring our new book “What the Ladybird Heard” The children will be doing lots of activities to support this such as making lady bird plates, baking biscuits, making a sensory farm, exploring the animals within the nursery and exploring toy ladybirds with tweezers along with exploring colours and counting. The children will also be doing lots of fine motor activities to develop their tripod grip when using tweezers, pegs and pens. We will also continue to practice for our sports day which we hope you will all come and watch!

Parent Link: Can you purchase our new book and read it to your children every night before bed; can you encourage them to point out the pictures and recall the story as it unfolds. When in the garden can you search for ladybirds among the bushes and count how many you find.

Pre School:

This month we will be focusing on writing our names using sand, paint and pens and the children who are going to school will now be encouraged to write their first name as well as their second name. We will also be spending time to focus on our bodies and how they work; looking at exercise and the effect that this has on our body as well as looking at our features. We will continue to look at the topics space and life cycles in line with the ducklings coming to the nursery- please be sure to come into the room and see all the lovely work that we have produced.

Parent Link: Can you encourage your child to begin to form either the first letter in their name, their full first name or their entire name- first and second? Any work that they have produced please keep and send in.

Gentle Reminders

Please ensure that when picking up or dropping off your child that **you physically go into the room and close the door behind you**, this is to prevent children leaving the room without their parent or member of staff.

We would like to ask that you ensure your child’s nursery bag is **fully packed with spare clothes** for the day as our nursery supply is lacking. Alternatively if you do have any spare clothes and would like to donate them please do so.

Please can we remind all parents to **regularly provide your child with a new tooth brush**, including those who only have one tooth! We brush the children’s teeth after their sleep, and after lunch for those who do not have a sleep so it is important to keep them re stocked!

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 also ensure you have various items of clothing to suit the weather for example, **shorts, vest, swimwear and short sleeved tops.**

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.**

If you are **planning on going on holiday** and your child will not be attending nursery can you please let us know in advance.

If your **child will be starting school in September** can you please inform us of the **school** they are going to and their **leave date** so we can ensure everything is complete and ready to be taken home.

Please ensure that **siblings who do not attend the nursery** and join you to collect your child from the nursery are **supervised at all times.**

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

Dates for your Diaries

Sports Day, Wednesday 5th July

All children will be taking part in this year's Sports Day, we will be holding this at the nursery at the following times:

Farmyard	2:15-2:45
Seaside	2:15-3:00
Meadow	10:00-10:45
Preschool	9:30- 11:00

Please do join us and come to watch your child at the designated time for a fun filled day!!

Open Morning, Saturday 8th July 10-12

We are holding an open morning on Saturday 8th July 10-12, should you refer a friend to this morning and they register, our recommend a friend discount will apply to you.

Pre-School Graduation, Friday 21st July

Information about the graduation day will be given in a formal invitation to those children who will be graduating only.

Training Day, Wednesday 26th July

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.

Teddy Bears Picnic - Wednesday 9th August

The children will be having a special afternoon tea in the garden for all to enjoy accompanied by their favourite teddy bear. The children will take part in various games based around bears throughout the afternoon and will have the opportunity to show their friends their bear and talk about why it is special to them.

People Who Help Us Week - W/C 21st August

We will be inviting some special people into the nursery such as police, firemen, vets, nurses and dentists throughout the week. Children will take part in discussions, explore the vehicles and participate in some art and craft activities, ending the week by having a party tea whereby all children are asked to come to nursery dressed as their favourite superhero.

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

Kind Regards
Kirsty, Janine and Team.