



Newsletter June 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. The day was a big success and all children and staff appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We would in particular like to thank Roberta for taking part in a challenge so that “Camelot” could match all the money raised and to Denisa for arranging Barclays bank to also match the money raised. We would also like to thank R&E Butchers, D S Wood Associates, Tiny Mites and Super Sport for their generosity in contributing to the day and helping us to make it such a big success. We are pleased to announce that so far we have raised a huge sum of **£472** however, we still have donations coming in and are waiting to hear back from companies whom have promised to match what we have raised. If you wish to see photos from the day please take a look at our display board outside the baby room.

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

The **Active Kids vouchers** from Sainsbury’s Scheme is now finished and our order is placed. We received **2552** vouchers in total and have put these towards various resources/equipment for the children to use in the garden. Once again thank you for helping us to collect these and we look forward to doing it again next year!

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 room and Preschool room. 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 sun safety

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/skin/Pages/SunSAFE.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on preparing your child for school

https://www.pacey.org.uk/Pacey/media/Website-files/school%20ready/PACEY_preparingforschool_guide.pdf

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on stranger danger tips for children

https://www.safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone_stranger-danger

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

This month we are going to be working on baby signing and teaching the children to sign please, thank you, more, and finished at meal times. We are also going to be teaching the children lots of actions to familiar nursery rhymes and encouraging them to copy. We will get busy making cards and gifts for father's day and hope that some daddy's can come to the nursery for the afternoon. We will also be looking at the moon and stars in celebration of Eid and making some lanterns to hang in our sensory room.

Parent Link- can you encourage your child to use baby sign at meal times, ask staff for the signs to practice!

Seaside:

This month we will be exploring the outdoor environment now that the weather is getting better, we will be looking at plants, bugs and will go on lots of walks to explore different environments such as the park, the pond and the nature reserve. We will encourage the children to make some cress heads and will watch them grow and how they change over time. As we will be outside more please make sure the children have sunhats and swimming clothes. We will also be getting creative making gifts and cards for our fathers.

Parent Link- Can you do some planting at home with your child, encourage them to water it And describe how it is changing over time_

Meadow:

This month we are going to be looking at “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” book and will base our activities around different parts of the story. We will be looking at the life cycle of a caterpillar using our Butterfly Garden and will watch them grow; we will explore different foods that the Caterpillar eats throughout the story and will do various activities based around colours and shapes. We are also going to be celebrating Father’s Day and the children will be making different crafts and cards to give to their Daddies when they come in to nursery.

Parent Link: Can you read The Very Hungry Caterpillar at home, explore the life cycle and encourage recall.

Pre School:

This month we will be focusing on our physical development looking at movement and prepositions such as; over, under, sideways, backwards, in, out, on and off. We will set up different obstacle courses for the children to do and will give them some instructions to follow, we will begin by giving them one instruction and then increasing this to a two part instruction. We are also going to begin preparing for the Graduation for all of the children whom will be leaving to start school in September, we will prepare for this by talking about what schools they are going to, what they want to be when they grow up and practice some songs to sing at the ceremony. Lastly, we will be focusing on developing our re call skills using stories, we will begin by looking at the story of “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” and reading this story daily to see how much the children remember and understand from the story. We will also be talking about our families, family members and sizes, big, little and small and encouraging the children to extend their vocabulary and think of different describing words.

Parent Link: Can you read Goldilocks and the bears at home and find different sized items at home for example, a big bowl and a small bowl, an adults bed, child’s bed and encourage the children to pick which is bigger or smaller.

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

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**. As we said last month, we have found the new parking regulations seem to be working well for both staff and parents however, the nursery bays are not overly wide and therefore we ask that you **take extra care** when getting the children in and out of the cars to avoid damaging any parked cars.

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

Dates for your Diaries

Pre-School Graduation Photo Shoot, Wednesday 7th June

The children in the preschool room **who will be leaving to start their new schools in September** will be having their graduation photos taken to celebrate the end of their nursery journey. If your child does not attend this day then please bring them in at 9:20 to have their individual and class photo taken. Written permission will need to be gained from all children for their photo to be taken so please speak to the staff in pre-school to sign for this.

Father's Day, Friday 16th June

We would like to invite all Daddies, Grandfathers and Uncles of our children to come to the nursery for a tea party to celebrate Father's Day and to take part in some creative activities with the children. The children will also be spending the week before hand making special surprises to give to their loved ones. If you intend to join us for the afternoon tea party, please let us know beforehand for catering purposes.

Eid, Wednesday 21st June

We will be celebrating the Muslim festival of Eid by making taking part in various arts, crafts and messy activities such as; making celebration cards, creating picture of the stars and the moon, dressing up in Sari's, listening to music, we will finish the day by having an afternoon feast to explore different Islamic foods.

Incredible eggs 27th June until 7th July.

Eggs will be placed in an incubator in the corridor and all the children will be able to watch the eggs hatch and the ducklings grow!! We will be doing lots of activities around life cycles and lots of arts and crafts to display about what we have seen happen over the week.

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!!

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.

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

Kind Regards
Kirsty, Janine and Team.