



Newsletter May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our **Easter Fun Day** and hope you all had fun. We managed to raise a total of £205.80 which will go towards having **incredible eggs** at the nursery from 27th June until 7th July. The incubator will be placed in the corridor and all the children will be able to watch the eggs hatch and the **ducklings** grow!!

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 would ask that you kindly **put this code in an e-mail** to us.

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

You can no longer collect **Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's** however, they can still be donated until 30th June. Every voucher counts towards brand new cooking and sports equipment, and experiences, so if you have any please ensure you place them in the box in our reception area ready for us to submit our order in July.

The nursery is becoming very busy therefore if you are thinking of **increasing your sessions** (including the 30 hours), **booking extra sessions** or **holiday club sessions** please book this in advance to avoid disappointment! Once extra sessions or holiday club is booked we do require one week's notice to cancel, 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 jolly phonics

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/overview-about-jolly-phonics/>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on Makaton sign language

<https://www.makaton.org/>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on special educational needs

<https://www.gov.uk/children-with-special-educational-needs/special-educational-needs-support>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

This month we are going to be exploring lots of different media and textures which we haven't tried before, encouraging the use of all our senses. We will have things such as; edible paint, spicy playdough and herb scented pasta for the children to explore. We will also use food colouring to make the media different colours and tell the children the colours they are using.

For road safety day, we will be looking at different modes of transport using the toys in the small world area such as; cars, the garage, trains and the train set. We will also be looking at first transport pictures and identifying the transport to the children and will go on several walks to point out the types of transport and the sounds they make. In the garden we will explore the ride on toys and see if the children can correctly respond to us when we say "Stop and Go". We will also focus our songs for that day around transport.

Parent Link: What forms of transport can you see out and about, can you teach the children some different vehicle noises. Let's sing transport songs such as, The Paddles on the Steamer, Down at the station, Row, Row, Row your boat or The wheels on the bus.

Seaside:

This month we will be doing lots of messy play such as; Kinect sand, jelly, slime, textured and scented playdough, mud pies, coloured ice and lots more. We will also be making some new sensory bottles for the children to explore for both their sight and sound.

As part of road safety day, we will making our own traffic lights and encouraging the children to identify the 3 different colours, red, yellow and green. We will then use these traffic lights when playing on the bikes in the garden and try and teach the children when to stop and when to go. Similar to the babies we will also focus our songs for that day around transport and look at the different noises that various forms of transport make.

Parent Link: Please could we ask parents to remember to bring in toothbrushes for the children and also some family photos! Can you look at identifying things that are green, yellow and red with the children.

Meadow:

This month in Meadow our book is going to be “Stick Man”. Our activities this month will include mark making, using sticks, looking at our families, cooking, making different types of sticks such as; bread sticks and chocolate covered stick men. We will also go on some walks to collect our own sticks and make our own stick men using the pictures in the book as guidance.

Meadow will also take part in road safety day and will be making different arts and crafts such as, stop signs and traffic colours paying particular attention to the colours and what they mean, the different types of transport and what to do when crossing roads. We will practice what we learn in the garden by creating our own road and using the props we have made in our play.

Parent Link: Can you read “Stick Man” at home and find some sticks in the outside environment to bring to nursery. Don’t forget when crossing the road to follow the stop, listen, look and cross safety rules in preparation for our road safety day.

Pre School:

This month we will be looking at the main phonics letters SATPIN, we will work on increasing the children’s knowledge of these letters and the sounds they make as well as, looking at what words start with those letters i.e S S S S S for Snake, I I I I for Ink.

We will also focus on developing their writing skills, encouraging the children to hold their pens/pencils in a tripod grip with increasing control and being able to copy the letters for SATPIN and also begin to write some of the letters in their names.

In addition to this, we will also be focusing on Road Safety and teaching the children about how we cross roads safely, why it is important to be careful near roads and what we must do when in a car. We will teach the children the important rules of road safety through various creative activities such as, making traffic lights, making our own road signs, creating different crossings on the floors and will role play in the garden on our bikes and scooters.

Parent Link: Can you practice writing the letters in their names at home encouraging them to hold the writing tool in a tripod grip.

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**. 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.**

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

Dates for your Diaries

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 are now available, therefore please speak to your child's key worker to book a time slot that suits you both. If for any reason you are unaware of who your child's key worker is please refer to the Parents information board outside your child's room or do not hesitate to speak to either Kirsty or Janine who will find out for you immediately. Furthermore, may we also inform parents that the nursery doors will still close as normal at 6pm on the 15th May and all parents & children must have left the premises by this time to ensure staff have adequate time for a break and to set up.

Road Safety Day, Wednesday 24th 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. Where possible we encourage the children to ride on these to school instead of in the car. 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.

Fundraising Fun Day, Friday 26th May

Following the sad news we have received regarding a recent parent of ours suffering from a terminal brain tumour we have decided to hold a Fun Day to raise money for Brain Tumour Research.

We are asking that all children join the staff and come to nursery dressed in a purple top and jeans.

During the morning Super Sport will be coming in to deliver a 1 hour 30 minute session with the children, we will also have a visit from the fire service and a variety of messy activities planned.

During the afternoon, we will be holding a Garden Party including a 1 hour 30 minute Tiny Mites session, a bouncy castle, party games and face painting. We will also be watching and cheering on all members of staff participating in the following sponsored challenges:

Ice bucket

Cream pie

Slip and slide

We will then finish the afternoon off with a BBQ and homemade cupcakes at 4:00 pm!

As this event is to raise money for the charity, we are asking if possible, that all children attending on a Friday come to nursery with a small donation (£1 per child would be great fully received). If your child does not attend on a Friday and you would like them to attend this, please do bring them along and join them for the event!

Please visit the website below, should you wish to know more!

www.braintumourresearch.org

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 and in the afternoon will have a feast exploring different Islamic food.

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

Kind Regards

Kirsty, Janine and Team.