



## Newsletter June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lorraine Turner and Elizabeth Ilott have now joined the team at Bright Comets Day Nursery, **Lorraine** is our **Deputy Manager** and **Elizabeth** is our Seaside **Room Leader and Third in Charge**. If you have not yet met Lorraine or Elizabeth please introduce yourself to them or speak to Janine and she can ensure you are introduced to them.

As well as this, as our baby room numbers are now increasing we have recruited a new member of staff and we are pleased to inform you that **Bethany Fox** has joined our team. Bethany has a Level 3 in childcare and has been a private nanny for the last 3 years of her career, we look forward to Bethany being on our team.

We kindly ask parents that you pay attention to the **security policy** for the nursery. **Under no circumstance should a parent let anyone into the building or leave the door open** for them and that you simply **ask them to enter the codes themselves** or wait outside whilst you inform a member of staff. Parents allowing people into the building is a breach in our safeguarding, security and health and safety policy and therefore, ask for your full co-operation with this. Whilst we appreciate this can put parents in an awkward situation **the safety and well-being of the children is of paramount importance to us** and we cannot stress to parents how important it is that you strictly follow our policy.

Should this continue we will have no other option but to stop parents having the codes to access the front door and parents will have to wait outside and be let in manually by staff. This will of course be inconvenient to parents and that is why we ask you all for your co-operation.

We will be looking at enhanced security measures for the front door and will inform you in due course of the outcome.

In line with the new **General Data Protection Regulations** all parents should have received **new permission forms to sign**. I kindly ask that you **fill these out and return them to us as soon as possible**. Our new updated Privacy Policy will be sent out in due course so please keep an eye on your e-mails for this.

## **Dates for your Diaries**

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – The Queens Birthday**

As the older children within the nursery demonstrated such enjoyment for celebrating the Royal Wedding we will be celebrating the Queen's birthday. Please come to nursery dressed in Red, White and Blue. We will be making crowns and flags and talking about the Royal Family, where the Queen lives, who she is and why we have a Royal Family.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Pre-School Graduation Photo Session**

All children who are in Safari and will be leaving in August to start their school journey will have the opportunity to have their photo taken in a pre-graduation photo shoot. We will have group photos (for those who have permission) and then a chance to have single shots taken as well. For more information about this, please speak to Janine or Chelsea.

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Fathers Day**

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/messy 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.

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day - World Cup**

Parents are invited along to cheer on the children as they take part in Sports Day.

All rooms will take part in a short session throughout the day doing different races and games for example – walker races, running races, penalty shoot outs etc. Each key group will represent a different team from within the FIFA World Cup to celebrate different countries. They will be encouraged to wear a specific colour for their team and we will make some flags for them to use when cheering on their friends.

Specific details for children's rooms are to follow next week.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD FOR REMINDERS**



### **Did you know?**

Please follow the link below for some information on safety measures to take in the sun.

<https://www.capt.org.uk/News/focus-on-summer-safety>

Follow the link below for the “What to Expect When” booklet designed to aid parents understanding of children’s development in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum – This booklet can be very useful to parents so please take a look.

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/04/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_2015\\_FINAL\\_WEB\\_v2.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/04/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_FINAL_WEB_v2.pdf)

### **A Note from Each Room**

#### **Farmyard:**

This month in Farmyard we will be exploring the colours red, white and blue through lots of messy play to celebrate the Queen’s birthday.

We will be creating cards for Father’s day, where the babies will be body painting using paint which will encourage them to explore their senses and make marks.

We will also be preparing for our sports day event by encouraging the babies to be active by using baby walkers, kicking balls and throwing bean bags.

#### **Seaside:**

This month in Seaside we will be exploring the colours red, white and blue leading up to the Queen’s birthday.

The children will also be busy making crafts and cards to celebrate important males in their life, We hope some of our Daddy’s will come along on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to take part in our Fathers Day celebration.

We will also be doing lots of movement and exercises to music in preparation for sports day.

Our song of the month is “Wheels on the bus.”

Our book of the month is: “Elmer’s Day”

#### **Meadow:**

This month in Meadow our book of the month is “Squash and a Squeeze.” We will be reading the story and talking about the different animals that are mentioned throughout. We will also be looking at sizes such as big and little and more or less.

Our song of the month is “Old Mc Donald” and we will be doing lots of activities around farm animals, recalling any experiences that we have had going to a farm and what animals we saw.

#### **Arctic:**

This month we will be doing lots of superhero activities – making shields, masks, talking about our own super powers and real superheroes in the community (Doctors, Firemen etc.)

We will also continue to learn about our plants and looking at healthy living such as healthy eating and our own self-care routines for example brushing teeth, washing hands and why these are important.

Our book of the month is: “10 little superheroes”

### **Safari:**

This month we are looking at preparing our children for school. Our book of the month is “Charlie and Lola – I am absolutely too small for school” which we will be reading and using as a talking point for the children.

We will focus on school routines as well as looking at pictures of the schools that they are going to. Our song of the month will also encourage them to talk about school - “Time to go to school” In addition to this we will be doing some phonic activities so the children can sound out the letters from the alphabet and will continue to do some number activities encouraging the children to recognise numerals 1-10 and 10-20.

### **Gentle Reminders**

We are now members and advertise on the Day Nurseries website and in order to build our reputation we would be grateful if any parents could **follow the link below** and **leave a review** on our services provided.

<https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/daynursery.cfm/searchazref/33667#submit-review>

The nursery is becoming very busy and **we currently have limited spaces in our Meadow and Arctic Rooms** therefore, please ensure if you have any plans to make a change to your booking pattern such as, increase the number of sessions your child attends, delay a leave date or change the days they attend you need to **give us as much notice as possible to avoid disappointment**. This includes if you are eligible for the 30 hours free childcare and plan on increasing their sessions the term after their third birthday as **spaces are limited**.

We would like to remind parents that when **providing a bag** containing changes of clothes for the children please ensure the following for healthy and safety reasons; **the bag must NOT be a plastic** carrier bag, it should **not have long strings on** and we would also like to ask that it is **not larger than 30cm wide** to ensure there is enough space on the pegs for all children.

All children between the ages of 2 – 3 years old must have a two year development check carried out by the nursery and also by their Health Visitor. This is an opportunity for us to **review the children’s progress and write a summary of their development** in accordance to the three prime areas of development. Where possible, the progress check and the Healthy Child Programme health and development review at age two (when health visitors gather information on a child’s health and development) should inform each other and support integrated working, allowing **both health and educational professionals together to identify the child’s strengths and weaknesses**. Therefore it is important that parents **inform their child’s keyworker when the child will be having his/her two year review with the Health visitor** to allow us enough time to complete our two year check and for you to take it along with you.

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

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do NOT hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards  
Janine and Team.