



## Newsletter August 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather is now becoming warmer we kindly ask that all parents ensure their child comes in with a **sunhat** to play in the garden. It is nursery policy that the children are not allowed outside without a sun hat. Please also remember to pack some **short sleeved tops/vest** in case we need to change them throughout the day.

We hope you are all now enjoying **Tapestry**. Any **feedback** on Tapestry will be **gratefully received** as we are keen to know what parents think and if we can make any further improvements. **Please also ensure you upload photos/videos onto Tapestry** of any events/holidays that the children have enjoyed as it is a great talking point for us at nursery and they will be added to their journals.

**Lisa Vidler** who is the current **room leader in Farmyard** has decided to **reduce her hours** at Bright Comets to focus on her final year at studying therefore, she will be **stepping down** from her position as senior practitioner. Lisa will still be working at the nursery 3 days per week from September.

We have recruited a new baby room leader, **Faith Biggs**. Faith has a lot of nursery experience and has been **leading an "Outstanding" baby room** for another nursery so we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

We would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and all children, parents, careers 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. This also stands for children who attend half sessions and are collected after 1pm or those bought in before 1pm.

**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 have to charge this.**

On occasions we do receive requests from parents to limit their child's sleep at nursery however, **Children need sleep and rest periods** to help their development and all develop at different rates and we must meet their needs throughout the day at the Nursery. Parental wishes are taken into consideration, although **staff cannot force a child to sleep, wake or keep a child awake against his or her will**. This is an Ofsted regulation.

### **Dates for your Diaries for 2019**

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Eid**

Children will be encouraged to explore different scented play dough, making and dressing up in saris and making Eid cards to take home. We will end the day with a celebration banquet.

#### **19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August – People who help us week**

The children will be taking part in various arts and crafts and planned activities to support their understanding of this topic. We will have special guests to come into the setting throughout the week to discuss with the children how they support and help people within our community. We will finish the week off with a party for all the children and encourage them to dress up as their favourite superhero.

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Bright Comets Bake off**

All parents are invited to come into the setting and make a selection of savoury goods with their children. This is a good opportunity for you to watch how the staff support children's learning when baking and to give parents some ideas of things to make at home. This is also a lovely opportunity for you to come and meet other parents from the nursery, if you wish to attend please let Janine or Lorraine know.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD/FACEBOOK FOR REMINDERS AS WELL AS OUR EVENTS LIST ON OUR WEBSITE**



#### **Did you know?**

Please follow the link below for a useful website detailing events going on within your local community throughout the year.

<https://hoop.co.uk/>

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

#### **Farmyard:**

Song of the month: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Children will be taking part in making a night sky display for our sensory room. Including paint art using different dark colours, sponges and printers to make stars.  
We will be making sensory bags with the children to explore around our nursery rhyme theme.  
Cosy time will be actions using Makaton signing to support different nursery rhymes.

Can we please ask parents that have not yet done so to bring in family photos for your child's "All about me books"

### **Seaside:**

Song of the month: Tiny turtle

Theme: Summer

This month Seaside will be playing with ice cubes, making sand castles and hiding sea shells in our sand tray to explore the season of Summer. We will be making our very own ice-cream using dairy free products for the children to try. The children will also be taking part in bubble play and mark making.

Our focus this month will also be learning the Makaton signs for Farm animals as lots of our children are working on this and Makaton supports them to communicate.

### **Meadow:**

Book of the month: Hooray for fish

Song of the month: Ring a ring a roses

This month in Meadow we will be exploring opposites. Looking at big and small, fat and thin, wet and dry and cold and hot. This will be implemented through our book and also during our play. We will hopefully get two pet goldfish for the children to care for so that they can experience real life fish.

We are also looking forward to discussing people who help us, what they do for us to support "People who help us week"

### **Arctic:**

Theme: Summer (continued)

Some children have enjoyed looking at bugs outside, so we will be making a "Bug hotel" and checking daily if any insects have come to visit and we will explore the ones that do.

This month we have "People who help us" week. We will be looking at how we can help others and help the community and why it is important to play our part.

The children regularly enjoy painting activities so we will explore new ways to paint e.g. body painting, spray painting etc.

Parent's link: Explore ways your child can help others at home: Helping a sibling, grandparent, helping do some jobs around the house.

We have really enjoyed seeing the pictures and videos you have been uploading to Tapestry. So please continue to do so.

**Safari:** This month we will be narrowing the gaps in the children's journals to make sure they are ready for their new journey at school.

We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes using flat shapes and wooden 3D shapes.

We will be looking at science experiments using different materials and will be encouraging children to make their own predictions. We will be baking and looking at health and hygiene. We will also be encouraging the children to look at “People who help us” (this week) and why we have important people who help us. Continuing to look at and identifying numbers 1-10 and 10-20. Safari will also be continuing to identify rhyming.

### **Gentle Reminders**

Please don't forget to follow our **Facebook** page for regular updates and news. We would also be very grateful to parents if you could leave us a review.

**Under no circumstance should a parent let anyone into the building or leave the door open** for them. 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, we 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.

The nursery has a strict **NO NUT** policy and we kindly ask parents that children do not enter the nursery with any food items to help us ensure we can adhere to this policy at all times. We also kindly ask parents to keep this in mind when giving children breakfast/meals at home before coming to nursery as we do have some children with severe nut allergies.

Please can all parents ensure that you **inform the setting if your child will not be attending** due to sickness/holiday, whilst it is not compulsory for them to attend as it is private day care we do have a duty of care to record their absence's and it also really helps us with catering for the children and staff ratios.

**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, Lorraine and Team.