



Newsletter July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents that attended our **Sports Day** and also to those that took part (who knew we had such competitive parents!). The children all seemed to really enjoy themselves whilst of course gaining some physical exercise.

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.

As most of you will now be aware, Bright Comets is transitioning to online learning journals. If you have received the permission slip but have not yet **returned this** we kindly ask that you do so **as soon as possible**. If you also have **not yet received/ or completed the activation via e-mail please let Janine/Lorraine know**.

If you have any questions about Tapestry please also speak to a member of the senior team who should be able to help you.

Unfortunately **Maria Bruno**, who currently works in Safari **will be leaving** Bright Comets on **Friday 9th August**.

Maria has worked at the nursery across all age groups for 4 years and has decided to change to a job closer to home. We would like to thank Maria for her loyalty and hard work over the last four years and **wish her luck for the future**.

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. **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.**

Dates for your Diaries for 2019

Thursday 11th July – Teddy Bears Picnic

Children are encouraged to bring their favourite teddy bear along to nursery for the day to take part in some fun filled activities with their friends. In the afternoon we will be having a Teddy Bears picnic all together in the garden (weather permitting).

Thursday 18th July – Pre-school Graduation 1:30-5pm -

Safari, graduation ceremony will take place in the afternoon followed by a celebration party. If you have not yet let Janine/Lorraine know that you will be attending please ensure you do so.

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



Did you know?

For some information about how your child should be holding their pencil to write please follow the link below; this is mainly for pre-school aged children, younger children will take part in fine motor activities to develop their strength and hand/eye co-ordination.

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/video-pencil-grasp-development>

For some tips on how you can encourage maths through play at home please follow the link below. We have found through analysing our co-hort that Mathematics is an area most children need some support with

<http://www.early-years.org/parents/docs/maths through-play.pdf>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

Book of the month: Incy Wincey Spider

Song of the month: Incy Wincey Spider

This month in Farmyard we will be getting creative and will be mark making to produce some art work to display/hang in our rooms. We will be also collecting different sized and shaped leaves and acorns on our walks to bring back into the room and decorate. Farmyard are also looking forward to joining in the fun at our Teddy Bears picnic this month so please bring in a teddy if your child attends Thursday 11th July.

Seaside:

Song of the month: Ring a ring a roses

In Seaside this month we are focusing on the season summer.

We will be exploring different things with a strong scent, like different fruits and vegetables, and will also be doing lots of fun water play, looking at filling, emptying and pouring.

We will be creating a beach scene as well using sand and water and talking about summer.

Parent's link: Don't forget to upload your summer holiday photos to Tapestry so we can see what they get up to!

Meadow:

Book of the month: What the Ladybird Heard

Song of the month: Wind the Bobbin Up

This month in Meadow we will be exploring shapes and supporting the children to identify shapes and make simple patterns.

We will also be exploring mini beasts discovering insects within our outdoor area and comparing the insects we find to those in our Book of the month. When we go on walks we will also take our bug pots and magnifying glasses to see and discuss what we find and will look at patterns/colours that maybe on the mini beasts.

Parent's link: Go on a nature walk, visit a forest or look in your own back garden or park for some mini beasts and introduce the name of them to the children.

Arctic:

Theme: Summer

We will be exploring how to stay safe in the sun and why it is important. We will be making ice lollies to so cool in the warm weather and will also carry out some sensory activities to explore temperatures and looking at what happens as temperature changes i.e. water to ice.

We will be talking about summer holidays as we know lots of you are going away so if we could kindly ask you to provide us with any holiday photos/postcards we will place these on our summer display.

Parent link: Can you talk about the importance of staying safe in the sun at home and why. For example, why do we wear sun cream and sunhats?

Reminder: If your child does not have a water bottle please can you bring one in, thank you.

Safari:

Song of the month: Graduation songs

Book of the month: My Friend Harry

This month we will be focusing on our numbers 1-10 & 10-20 as well as looking at 3D shapes and other more complex shapes.

We will be preparing the children for school encouraging their self-help and independence skills and will do several activities about what they can expect for school to ensure they are prepared for this transition.

We of course cannot forget our Graduation! We are looking forward to sharing you all what we have been working on and look forward to celebrating the afternoon with the children. We of

course will be sad to see them all leave but feel confident they will all do exceptionally well at school!

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.