



## Newsletter June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a big thank you to **Sanctuary Care Home** in Hatfield for allowing us to visit yesterday. 8 of our Arctic children took a walk over to the care home to see and engage with some of the residents there. They played an **interactive game**, **decorated some butterflies** and **birds** with felt tip pens and **sang the residents some songs**. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the elderly people also seemed thrilled to have them there. This is something we are now hoping to continue on a fortnightly basis with all 3-5 year olds and **engage them in the wider community**.

As the weather is now becoming warmer we kindly ask that all parents ensure they provide their child with a **sunhats** 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 sleeves tops/vest** in case we need to change them throughout the day.

As most of you will now be aware, Bright Comets will be transitioning to online learning journals "**Tapestry**." If your child is **under 3 years old** and you **have not yet received a permission slip** please see Janine/Lorraine. 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 have any questions about Tapestry please also speak to a member of the senior team who should be able to help you.

Could we also ask if any of our parents have any **spare clothes** for children aged **3 years and upwards** that would like to donate to the setting we would very much appreciate this.

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.

## Dates for your Diaries for 2019

### **Wednesday 5<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 14<sup>th</sup> June – Father’s 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.

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day**

We would like to ask all our parents if your child can wear their team’s colour for sports day- (Please ask in rooms). A variety of sport races will be held that day for children to take part. Below are the timings for each rooms sports day, parents are welcome to come in and watch if you wish to, but don’t forget your trainers!

Farmyard 9:15-9:45

Seaside – 10:15 – 10:45

Meadow – 10:15-10:45

Arctic – 9:15-10:00

Safari – Group 1, 9:45-10:30. Group 2, 10:45-11:30

**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 new and updated information on children’s Healthy Start Vitamins please follow the link below.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/health-in-herts/professionals/vitamins-for-childrens-centres.aspx>

For information and activities about “Smartie the Penguin” The penguin who keeps children safe online please visit

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) “Smartie the penguin”

## A Note from Each Room

### **Farmyard:**

Song of the month: Down in the Jungle

Our theme for the month is under the sea and Rumble in the jungle. The babies are going to be exploring our senses with themed tuff trays, using words and sounds with animals and familiar songs, as well as using our animal sensory books.

Encouraging crawling/walking with jungle animals and sea creature's whilst exploring the outdoor area.

### **Seaside:**

Song of the month: Old McDonald had a farm

This month Seaside are looking at animals and learning the Makaton signs for Old McDonald.

The children will be encouraged to recognise all farm animals.

The children will be getting messy and exploring body painting and discovering different textures. We will also be making sun catchers.

Parent Link: To visit a farm

### **Meadow:**

Book of the month: A squash and a squeeze

Song of the month: Old McDonald had a farm

This month in Meadows we will be exploring the different types of animals, grouping them together, identifying animal prints and patterns, playing animal matching games. Comparing big and small animals – grouping animals into families.

We are also preparing for our sports day that is happening on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. If parents could please dress their children in the keypersons colours to support their team.

Kirsty – Orange

Becci – Green

Pauline – Purple

Leah – Orange

Parent Link: Visit a zoo or farm

### **Arctic:**

Theme: Our bodies

The theme this month will be about our bodies. As we are preparing for our sports day we will be practising on looking at the effects activity have on our bodies by seeing how we feel before/after, listening to heart beat etc.

We will be exploring skeletons and bones and look at videos and pictures of x-rays of different shapes and sizes of different bones.

We will discover ways to take care of our bodies such as healthy eating, staying clean etc.

The children will be also exploring how to look after our bodies in the sun/heat and winter/cold months.

Parent's link: Discussion about their daily routine, visiting G.P, Nurse or Dentist and do a parent's observation with a photo if permitted.

## Safari:

Book of the month: Graduation songs

Song of the month: Gus goes to school

Theme: Prepositions

This month we will be looking at prepositions using picture cards and objects.

We will be looking at sounds to the alphabet and will be focussing on 4 letters per week (each week = 1 activity)

Week 1 - N, P, I, T

Week 2 - B, F, L, M

Week 3 - C, H, U, Y

Week 4 - D, G, J, O, X (5 this week)

Week 5 - K, Q, V, W, Z (5 this week)

Safari are continuing to look at health and hygiene through ensuring we are washing hands before lunch and tea and looking at healthy foods and developing a knowledge of what is good and bad for you to eat, through baking and making snacks to eat or take home.

The children are also preparing and practising our graduation.

Parents Link: Preparing meals with the family, if you wish to send pictures.

Linking with the Jolly Phonics on the website to practise letters and learning the actions to letter sounds.

## 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.

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.**

**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 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.