



## Newsletter May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a big thank you to all our parents who supported our **Easter raffle**, we raised just over **£200** which will be put towards purchasing some new garden equipment. We hope for those lucky few who won that you were pleased with your prizes.

A reminder that unfortunately due to a lack of interest we have had to **CANCEL** our **parent workshop** which was due to be held this Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**I would like to rearrange** this workshop as I do feel it is a very good opportunity for parents to broaden their knowledge on how to support your child's learning and development at home and will give you a good insight into what we do at nursery so **please keep an eye out for an e-mail from me for the new date.**

We would like to ask parents to **check you have provided us with up to date personal details** for example, if have **moved house** or now have a **new job/mobile number** please can you inform Janine or Lorraine of your new details as soon as possible. This will help if we need to contact you in an emergency.

I am pleased to inform you that we have successfully recruited a new member of staff to work in **Meadow** room. **Leah** will be **joining our team** from the **13<sup>th</sup> May** on a full time basis, Leah has previous experience working in a crèche with children aged 1month – 8 years.

Please note, we are now on our **Spring/Summer menus** – these are displayed in the corridor and there are some master copies available if you wish to take one.

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.**

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

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Road safety day**

Children are encouraged to bring in their bikes/scooters to nursery for the day and learn about road safety and how to cross a road safely. We will be using our road safety role play equipment throughout the setting to imagine some real life scenarios along with creating some arts and crafts such as, making traffic light biscuits, making road signs and singing road safety songs.

### **Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May – Growing week**

This week the children will be focusing on learning about life cycles and looking at how things grow. This will include a butterfly farm, planting flowers, herbs and vegetables and looking at lifecycle books to understand how things grow and what they need to live.

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Staff training day**

The nursery will be closed due to a staff training day, please note you are not charged for this day and this has already been taken into account when calculating your nursery fees.

### **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 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.

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



### **Did you know?**

Does your child have too much access to screen time? Click the link below for some advice and guidelines on screen time for young children.

<https://www.nhs.uk/news/pregnancy-and-child/who-guidelines-screen-time/>

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

#### **Farmyard:**

Song of the month: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.

This month we will be focusing on our communication and language development by singing rhymes and reading some simple stories. We will be doing lots of action rhymes such as, wind the bobbin up, If your happy and you know it and Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. We will be looking at rhyme books particularly lift the flap books as we have noticed the children are particularly interested in these stories at the moment.

Parent Link: Can you sing Twinkle, Twinkle, little star every night time and read a bedtime story. Bedtime stories are a great part of a bedtime routine.

#### **Seaside:**

Song of the month: Five Little Speckled Frogs

All the children will be looking at the outdoor environment and creating a new display board of what we find in our garden and on our walks such as bugs, mini beasts, flowers and trees. We will also be planting different types of flowers and herbs to create a sensory environment for all to enjoy as part of the nursery growing week and to stimulate the children's sense of smell.

Parent Link: Can you identify some different bugs with the children and encourage them to repeat the names of the bugs back to you.

#### **Meadow:**

Book of the month: Elmer the Patchwork Elephant

Song of the month: The Rainbow song

This month in Meadow we are going to be exploring colours by encouraging the children to identify the names of each colour and identify the correct Makaton sign for each colour. We will be doing various activities based around colour such as, mixing colours together and watching what happens, looking at/recognising colours in the environment, looking at different coloured foods and finally creating a colourful rainbow using food colouring and paint.

On Road Safety Day we will of course be look at the colour Red, Amber and Green and play

“The Traffic Light Game” where Red means stop, Yellow means to go slowly and green means Go.

Parent Link: Can you go on a colour hunt around your home? If they can recognise and identify the colours you could then ask them to begin to group objects of the same colour for example, can they find two blue objects and two red objects.

### Arctic:

The children will continue looking at life cycles and how things grow like frogs and caterpillars. The children have recently been on some outings outside of the nursery environment to explore within the community such as, trips to the park, the nature reserve, the shops and the elderly care home so we will continue to go on some more outings looking at how to take care of the environment (rubbish/littering etc)

Many of the children are working on their maths skills so we will be incorporating this in play/ activities (counting money at the shops, looking for shapes within the room, garden or walks as well as, counting plates and cups at lunch and tea time.

Lots of the children have talked about their bank holiday weekends – please feel free to send photos, so we can talk with the children.

Parent’s link:

When you are out discuss what you can see (flowers growing, shapes of the signs, letters on the buildings, signposts or shops)

### Safari:

Book of the month: I don’t want to wash my hands

Song of the month: Twinkle, Twinkle traffic light

This month Safari are continuing to develop their Makaton with our sign of the week, We will be looking at road safety using our safety equipment to role play within the garden and learn with others how to cross the zebra crossing in a safe manner.

The room will be discussing healthy eating and personal hygiene (brushing teeth, washing hands etc.) Also looking at personal safety talking about stranger danger and singing the PANTS SONG.

Parents Link: Can you talk PANTS at home? PANTS is an initiative set up by the NSPCC and is a great way to talk to children about their safety.

Please follow the link for more information about this;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

### 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 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.

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.