



Newsletter April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately **Paula**, our room leader in Meadow will be **leaving** Bright Comets Day Nursery on **Friday 21st April**. due to family circumstances. We would like to thank Paula for her hard work and dedication over the last 4 years.

Congratulations to Amy, Third in Charge, for **successfully completing her Level 3 SENCo** Accredited training! Amy has worked hard to complete this course and is now taking on the role as SENCo (Special, Educational Needs Co-coordinator) for the nursery and will be supported by Janine in this role. **Well done Amy!**

A reminder that the nursey is closed on both **Good Friday & Bank Holiday Monday**. We hope you all have a **lovely, safe Easter Weekend** and please don't forget to upload any photos of the exciting things you get up to onto Tapestry.

Thank you to those of you who kindly bought in lots of cardboard for the children to use as junk modelling and in heuristic play. For now **we have plenty of cardboard** but would greatly appreciate it if you could collect some **Jar lids** and donate them for the rooms to use as part of "Loose part play".

Covid- 19 updates

We would like to remind parents **if you or anyone in your household develops symptoms of Covid 19** then you and your child **MUST stay at home and isolate** with you until you get a negative test result. We would greatly appreciate it if you could let us know if your child is isolating and you must inform us of when their isolation period ends – this is 10 days from when your symptoms first started or if you are asymptomatic, 10 days from the positive result.

We understand that this is a very difficult time but we **MUST continue to keep all children, staff and parents safe.**

Please see the link below which now **enables parents and support bubbles of nursery age children to receive rapid testing kits at home**. I am pleased to say that Staff also have Rapid testing kits and carry these out twice weekly.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff#primary-or-secondary-school-staff>

Dates for your Diaries for 2021:

Thursday 1st April – Easter Fun Day.

Throughout the day the children will be able to take part in a variety of fun Easter activities.

In the afternoon we will have an Easter Egg hunt for all of the children to take part if they want to.

Why not try some Easter crafts at home and create your own Easter baskets, making Easter bonnets or some Easter baking! – Please be sure to upload these pictures to your child's tapestry.

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



Did you know?

Please see attached to the e-mail a poster about bottles and cups for children's oral health.

We are going to be focusing a lot in the coming months around Oral health and teaching children about looking after our teeth. It is advised that children practice drinking from an open-flow cup from a young age and to be off bottles completely from 1 year old.

A Message from Each Room

Under Twos:

In line with the advice on Oral health, we will now be offering children aged 16months upwards the opportunity to drink from a "Doidy cup" at nursery during mealtimes to encourage them to drink from an open cup.

Meadow:

We are continuing to learn Makaton signs with the children and will focus on looking at the signs for "Were Going on a Bear Hunt." This will include us also going on an Egg hunt in the garden and around the room to celebrate Easter. If you go on any hunts at home please share photos on Tapestry, these could include shape hunts, mini beast hunts etc. and don't forget this is a great opportunity to introduce some prepositional language to the children such as, on top, inside, underneath.

Pre-school:

This month we will be growing and planting lots of seeds as we talk about Spring!

We will be talking about what we need to grow plants/vegetables and fruits and encouraging the children to look after them each day.

We have also started to create “Spring Boxes” and are discussing all the changes that are happening in Spring.

Gentle Reminders

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 to wait outside, while you inform a member of staff. Parents allowing people into the building is a breach of 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 how important it is that you strictly follow our policy.

In addition to this, could we also ask that you ensure you wait with your child in the mornings until a member of staff has taken your child from you. **Children MUST not be left waiting in the reception area by themselves.**

A reminder to all parents that **if your child requires breakfast** they must be at nursery by **8:45am**. This allows them 15 minutes to eat breakfast and start their activities from 9am.

The nursery has a strict **NO NUT** policy and we 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; 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 absences 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 or concerns, please do NOT hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards
Janine, Kirsty and Team.