



## Newsletter March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now completed our recruitment process and can confirm that **Lorna** will be joining the Bright Comets team on a full time basis. Lorna has various childcare experience working with children from pre-school age up to primary school and is **Level 3 qualified**.

In addition to this we have also recruited **Rachael** who will be working as part of our **bank staff** team to cover ratios and staff annual leave and is also level 3 qualified along with, **Samantha** who has joined the team as **lunch cover**.

In order to ensure you are aware of staff and who is based in which room please check the staff photo board in the reception area.

I am pleased to tell you that **Danielle** (Room Leader of Under Twos, Mat Leave) has **had her baby boy**, and both Danielle and the baby are doing well at home. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating her on his birth.

We would like to ask parents if you would kindly bring in any of your **“junk” cardboard** recycling for us to use as **junk modelling**, this could include cardboard tubes, cardboard egg boxes or small cardboard boxes.

Thank you to all parents who have been **interactively working in partnership with us**, uploading on tapestry and e-mailing us requested photos. Don't forget if you do any **baking/cooking** activities at home or have any photos of children enjoying particular meal times we would love to display them on our board in the corridor so **please e-mail them to us**.

Lastly, when doing our audits and our termly co-hort analysis we have to answer specific questions about children's family/home life. Whilst some information may be sensitive we would like to ask parents that if children have **any changes in circumstances at home that you kindly let Janine, Kirsty or your child's key worker know** and of course any sensitive information will be kept confidential. Things you may not think to update us on could include, moving house, new siblings or family separations. Whilst young children are fairly resilient to changes these sorts of thing could affect your child's behaviour and development and it is important we support them where needed.

## **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.**

## **Dates for your Diaries for 2021:**

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book day.**

We are very excited to be participating in World Book Day this year; we would love all staff and children to come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character and there will be a prize for the best costume in every room. There will also be a slight menu change to include a twist from some of our favourite stories.

As we cannot invite parents in we will be pre-recording some of the children's favourite stories and sending them out via e-mail or on Tapestry for you to watch with your child for World Book Day. If you read any special stories at home please ensure you take some photos/videos and upload them to Tapestry. Reading from a very young age is great for children's language development and develops their vocabulary along with imagination.

Every child will also receive a £1 book token which they can use at various stores!

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – National colour Day.**

Children will be encouraged to explore the world of colour by taking part in activities to promote colour recognition, these will include mixing colours together during cling film painting and bubble painting, creating rainbows and by going on a colour hunt around the nursery!

Can you look at and identify different colours both outdoors and indoors with your child? Or explore the colours of a rainbow?

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Holi.**

To celebrate this festival, children are invited to come to nursery dressed in multicolours!

Children will take part in activities such as body painting, colour mixing and making colourful collage pictures! We will use this opportunity to revisit what we learnt and discuss on Colour day the week before!

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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/FACEBOOK FOR REMINDERS AS WELL AS OUR EVENTS LIST ON OUR WEBSITE**



### Did you know?

For some information on car seat safety and guidelines, please visit the link below.

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/media/1911/car-seat-safety.pdf>

### A Message from Each Room

#### **Under Twos:**

We would love to see what the babies get up to at home and would really appreciate it if you could do some home observations and upload them to Tapestry.

#### **Meadow:**

This month we are learning the Makaton signs for the story – The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will be watching some real life caterpillars turning into butterflies to introduce some basic understanding of growth and changes.

Along with this we will also be planting some seeds which we will talk about how they will grow over time and what we need to do to help them grow.

#### **Pre-school:**

This month we are talking about being kind and using the book “Kind” (Alex Scheffler) to encourage conversations about this. We are talking about ways in which we can make people happy and how we welcome everybody regardless of their differences. Along with this we are learning the new song “Hello to all the children of the world.” Please encourage this and extend these conversations at home.

### 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 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.

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, queries or concerns, please do NOT hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards  
Janine, Kirsty and Team.