



Our June/July 2021 Newsletter



Welcome back everyone, we hope you have had a great May half term break and managed to find some time to enjoy the gorgeous weather!

Update

We have had a lovely first Summer term together and the children have shown so much enthusiasm (and energy) in activities.

Lots of time has been spent outdoors with the children particularly enjoying playing chasing games in the 'big' garden or tackling obstacle courses made with different equipment.



During our 'Going on a Bear Hunt Week', the children loved listening to this familiar story then venturing through the sensory experiences of mud, water, grass etc. It really brought the story to life, and they showed so much engagement in this.

We also had a great 'World Week' when the children were able to learn more about their wider world. Some children were able to show items that were special to them from another country, which they showed great pride in.



In our day-to-day practice with the children, we continue to extend their interest 'in the moment' but also balance this with adult initiated ideas to extend children's learning further.

We have also introduced our 'Sign of the Week', to promote non-verbal communication. The children have responded so well to this, and we would really appreciate it, if you could look out each week for the sign we are all learning, so you can do this at home too. We will communicate these to you on the Parent Noticeboard or we have lots of little volunteers to demonstrate these via Tapestry!

This term we will be helping to prepare older children who will be moving on to School. Children will be able to take part in small group activities to discuss this and we will be using appropriate books to act as props for discussions.

We continue to encourage all children to have as much independence as possible.

Should any teachers wish to visit, these can be COVID safely arranged using outdoor spaces and avoiding contact with the other children.

The vegetable garden is beginning to show reward for the children's efforts of planting and watering with lots of growing - we are all looking forward to sampling some of the produce grown!



Within this area of learning, we continue to talk about and promote the importance of healthy eating and how this contributes to our good health.

We also include discussions about oral hygiene, and we have recently purchased some great resources to promote this area further with the children.

Attached to this newsletter is an article from Public Health England giving details about 'a healthy mouth in children'. We would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to read this.

Hot Weather



We are now in the Summer term and it is extremely important to ensure your child comes into Nursery prepared for the hot weather.

Every child should have a named sun hat as Nursery hats cannot be shared amongst children due to COVID guidelines.

Children should come into Nursery with sun cream already applied, if they are staying all day then further sun cream will be applied during the afternoon session. We now have a high number of children attending the morning sessions and it would be very challenging for us to apply cream to all children before going outside.

Should the sunshine become very hot during the day, then we will take the necessary precautions, even if this means staying inside during this time.

Staff Update



It's a girl! We are so very pleased to announce that Hayley gave birth to a baby girl on Friday 28th May, Poppy Elizabeth - both are doing well and we cannot wait to see them when possible!

COVID Update

There are a few changes to our COVID guidelines so we are forwarding to you the latest guidance. Any changes are highlighted in red so that you can clearly see the changes. You will see that face coverings are no longer being worn by staff when they are outside with the children or if they are doing language & communication activities such as stories, group times.

Also, now included in this guidance is details about holidays abroad. Should you be going abroad for a holiday please read carefully the guidelines given.

It is likely this guidance will change again after 21st June when the Government have made further announcements regarding lockdown and we will keep you updated.

Staff continue to complete lateral flow tests twice weekly, on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Please make sure that you check your emails every Monday and Thursday morning before bringing your child to nursery in case we have emailed to inform you of a positive LFD test result.

As emailed recently, rapid flow tests are now available at home for adults without symptoms in households with children in nursery or school. The link for more details is as follows: -

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Parent Catch Up

We appreciate at times with the quick drop off and pick up that it is difficult to speak to staff/key workers about how children are getting on at Nursery. If at any time you would like an update, please do not hesitate to let us know and we can arrange a 'virtual' meeting - our Staff miss speaking to you too!

Summer Holiday Club

The deadline for the return of the booking forms has now passed and we are currently looking at our holiday club registers and planning our staffing. Some sessions are particularly busy, and we may need to contact a small number of parents to explore the possibility of swapping some sessions,

Best Wishes



Term Dates

Summer Term 2021

Monday 7th June - Monday 19th July 2021

- *Summer Holiday Club - Tuesday 20th July to Friday 3rd September 2021*

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September - Friday 22nd October

25th - 29th October - Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December

Christmas Holiday Club - 20th 21st 22nd 23rd December 2020 4th 5th January

Spring Term 2022

Thursday 6th January - Friday 11th February

14th - 18th February - Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 21st February - Friday April 1st

Easter Holiday Club - 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 11th 12th 13th 14th April

Easter bank holidays 15th and 18th April

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 28th May

(2nd May bank holiday - closed)

*30th May - 1st June - May Half Term Holiday Club
(2nd 3rd June bank holidays - closed)*

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July

Summer Holiday Club begins Monday July 25th