



Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our August Newsletter with all our latest news.

Staff News

Many congratulations to Emma Jones, Becca Owen and Lucy Smith who all welcomed their baby girls recently. All are well and we look forward to a visit from them soon!

Welcome back Carla and Becca who are returning from maternity leave and joining the Under 2's section

You may also notice a few other new faces around the nursery. We welcome new staff members Morgan and Emily joining our under 2's team. Leah joining our Toddler team and Paul joining our Preschool team.



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DVLA 50th Anniversary

Our Preschool children thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the DVLA to help celebrate DVLA's 50th Anniversary!

They participated in lots of activities such as dancing to baby shark, colouring pictures and learning about how to stay safe whilst out with their friends.

We also had the opportunity to make a birthday card for the DVLA time capsule and attended the ceremony. Thank you for having us!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

(dates for your diary)

26th August

CLOSED due to Bank Holiday

**22nd July—2nd Sept
Summer Playscheme**

**28th Oct —1st November
Playscheme**

**Thursday 24th October
Parents Evening**

No Phone Zone: Please don't use your mobile phone inside the nursery! *Thank you*



News from Catrin and the Baby team.....



Sand is a toy! The less a toy does the more a child will learn! Sand is such a great sensory toy for babies as they explore their sense of touch and play and discover the wonderful texture of sand! In the baby room they had lots of fun playing in the sand developing their fine motor skills!!



Why sensory play is important.....

Children and even adults learn best and retain the most information when they engage their senses. ... Providing opportunities for children to actively use their senses as they explore their world through 'sensory play' is crucial to brain development – it helps to build nerve connections in the brain's pathways.

Positive behavior what does it mean?

"Allow children to be happy in their own way, for what better way will they find?"

~Samuel Johnson

To us its about promoting good manners, social skills and encouraging the use of a child's name positively.

In the nursery we follow a positive behaviour management policy, where we encourage parents to join us. When unacceptable behaviour is shown we work together to promote the use of positive age appropriate language.

News from Chelsea and the Tweenie team.....

The Tweenies are learning and watching the wondrous process by which a **caterpillar** morphs into a **butterfly**! Our caterpillars joined us late July and are currently hibernating in their cocoons. We will be updating our Facebook page when the butterflies emerge....watch this space!



Reading is our thing!

The importance of reading cannot be emphasized enough in young children, and we as a nursery make every day reading a high priority.

Many studies show that children who are read to every day have a larger vocabulary than those who aren't read to at all. Not only does reading enhance a child's vocabulary, it will also help them understand

how to read and write,. Reading aloud to children can promote understanding of different topics about the world and every day life.

In nursery we love story time the children enjoy reading our favorite stories. During keyworker time the children enjoy looking at books, talking about the pictures and what they can see.



Staying safe during the hot weather.....

With the weather warming up I would like to encourage all parents to provide your child with a summer hat whilst at nursery. Don't forget to label it!!



We provide this sun cream in nursery:

- * 5 STAR UVA
- * 30 SPF
- * Sensitive

If your child requires an alternative sun cream, please ensure it is labelled.

News from Sara and the Preschool team.....



Our Preschool children are taking full advantage of our new mud kitchen! They love making lots of mess in there whilst making chocolate cake, mud pie and serving up a treat for their friends!

The summer is a busy time for us in preschool as we are welcoming our Play-scheme friends for the 6 weeks holidays.

We will be going on a Pirate adventure for week one

Visiting our imaginations for fairytales week Encouraging our musical skills for week 3

Learning circus tricks for week 4

Discovering dinosaurs for week 5

And preparing for our own fairytale themed term in September with a magical week

Wish list to help with our fairy-tale topic:

- small & medium strong boxes
- Large sponge pieces
- Plastic drain pipes various sizes
- Saucepans & lids
- Household recycling
- Kitchen utensils plastic or metal