

WELCOME TO SUMMER/AUTUMN

Nursery News

Welcome to the summer term and what wonderful weather we are having so far. We hope that you are enjoying barefoot walks along the sand and lots of ice lollies! We certainly love the brighter days, glistening sunshine and listening to the birds sing, not to mention the beautiful growing flowers. Over the spring/summer period we have had some new staff join us at the nursery. Whilst we have said goodbye to Hannah who has been with us for many years, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Jessica, Sophie and Ellie to our team. The ladies are settling in to their new roles nicely and are getting to know all of our wonderful children.

We would like to congratulate Leah on the birth of her little girl Olivia, we hope that you are enjoying your special time at home together.



Special Dates

School summer holidays - Starts 22nd July

Sports day - 31st July

Summer trip (over 2's) - 19th August

Bank holiday Monday - 26th August (Can you please inform the nursery if you will be attending on this day as we will be open on request)

Stay and Play

We would like to inform all parents and friends that we will be running a stay and play mother and baby session from September the 6th 2019. These sessions will be available to children under 2 years of age and must be accompanied by an adult. The sessions will be set in a relaxed environment where children can enjoy exploring, creating and experimenting whilst their accompanying adult will have the opportunity to chat and get to know other parents. There is a small fee of £2.00 per session which will include a cold drink and snack for the children. Spaces are limited therefore must be booked in advance. Please call the nursery directly for further details or to book. Children who are not currently using the setting may also come along, space permitting.

Summer days

As the warmer weather seems to be staying for a little while, please could we ask that your children do wear suitable clothing to nursery that they will be comfortable in and please do pack spare clothes in their bag so that they can enjoy a little water play or outside fun. Sun cream is provided by the nursery but if you do wish for us to use your own then please pop that in their bag as well as a sun hat with their name on. The children have free access to water daily to ensure their fluid levels are kept up during the warmer days.



AND AT THE END OF THE DAY,
YOUR FEET SHOULD BE DIRTY,
YOUR HAIR MESSY, AND YOUR
EYES SPARKLING. - Shanti



Pineapple Day

This term we celebrated "Pineapple day". It was so much fun exploring, tasting and playing with Pineapple. We thought it was really juicy but it made our fingers very sticky!



Teddy bears picnic

On the 10th of July, we celebrated "teddy bears picnic day". It was an extra special day as we had big birthday celebrations for Rhian who turned 40 this week! We enjoyed a lovely day in the garden, with themed teddy bear activities, messy play and crafts. We all loved wearing our teddy bear ears whilst eating our food too. We were very lucky to have some sun join us as well.



Summer trip

The over 2's will be enjoying a summer trip to the local beach on Monday the 19th of August. We will be exploring the environment, playing with our buckets and spades on the sand and collecting some sea shells. We would like to ask that the children who are booked in for that day can be dressed in appropriate clothing, including sun hats and can we please request suitable clothing excluding flip flops as we will be doing a little bit of walking.

Baby birds

Look what we found in our bird house in the over two's garden. These eight little baby birds hatched this month and the children have loved having a little peek through the hole and hearing them chirp.

Topics

All of the sections in the nursery will be learning all about summer time through the summer month. In September the over 2's will be learning "all about me". This is to encourage children to learn everything about their identity, what makes them unique and they begin to understand how they grow and develop.

The under 2's will be learning about all the animals "on the farm". We really love the song Old McDonald had a Farm so we are going to learn all about the animals that we sing about. Please help us by singing the song at home and joining in the actions.



All creatures great and small

Our over 2's children have been learning all about all 'creatures great and small'. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about bugs, minibeasts, worms, snails, slugs and caterpillars. We have enjoyed reading the book "The Hungry Caterpillar" and "Norman the slug with a silly shell".



Graduation

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to a few children who have been with us since they were little babies. We have made some wonderful memories with you all and it has been a pleasure watching you grow into the incredible children that you are. We will be having a little graduation party with you all to say our goodbyes. Dates are to be confirmed.

Sports day

Sports day this year will be on the 31st of July. The over 2's will be taking part in traditional sports and mini races, including the egg and spoon race and obstacle courses. We will take lots of wonderful photos so that you can see your child in action.

Try it at home

Pineapple Ice pops

You will need :

Pineapple rings , lollipop sticks, toppings of your choice (Chocolate, biscuit, nuts, coconut)

Line a small baking tray with grease-proof or baking paper (being sure to check that the tray fits into your freezer first!).

Drain the pineapple slices, reserving the juice for other recipes – it's great to pop in a smoothie!

Place the pineapple rings on the lined baking tray, with a small space in between each one. Carefully push a cake pop or lolly stick into each pineapple ring, going all the way through to the other side (this will help it stay put on the stick).

Place the tray in the freezer for a couple of hours or overnight until the rings are frozen through. Serve immediately as they are or try one of the variations below:



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