

# The Mulberry Bush Nursery

## July 2018 Newsletter

Dear All

Welcome to our July 2018 newsletter. Please find detailed below lots of information about what we have been doing at nursery recently and any upcoming events for your diaries.

**Hot weather** - We would like to reassure you that we are doing all we can to keep the children safe by only going outside before 10am and after 4pm avoiding the hottest part of the day. Ensuring they are drinking as much as possible and keeping the rooms as cool as we can with fans.

**Adult Medication** - We understand that the bags used to bring your child's things to nursery are also used for weekend events too, please can we ask to ensure that NO adult medications are left in bags whilst using them for nursery.

If your child requires any medication during their day at the nursery please ensure that you speak to your child's Key Person at the start of the day to give them all the relevant details, i.e. times, dosage, reason for medication etc. Please also give the medication to your child's Key Person so that it can be stored correctly. Should your child have any medication that you generally store in their bag please can you hand this into the Office when your child is in nursery so that it can be stored safely and securely to ensure that it is not accessible to any children. Thank you.

**Staffing News** - Unfortunately we have to inform you that Julie in our bud's room will be leaving us at the end of July to pursue a career in a school setting to be able to spend time with her Children in the holidays. If Julie is your child's key person there will of course be a smooth transition to a new key person.

Ellie one of our bank staff team will also be leaving us at the end of July to join a school setting as a classroom assistant.

We wish them both the best of luck for the future.

**Swipe Cards** - Please can we remind parents to use their swipe cards as frequently as possible. And please not to hold the main entrance door open for other parents or visitors to access the nursery. The entrance system that we have in place is to ensure the safety of all of the children on site and it is crucial that anyone who does not have a swipe card/key fob is met by a member of staff before they access the nursery. I am sure all parents understand the safeguarding procedure here and will not take offence that you have not held the door open for them or swiped them in as they have forgotten their card. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

**Car park** - Please drive with great caution into the carpark as children maybe walking to and from their cars and other cars manoeuvring.

**Indoor post box** - Please can we ask that any paper work to be handed to the office and the office is unmanned please pop it in the post box outside the office door, this will be checked daily.

Also where possible please let the office know of any changes from the normal nursery attendance such as pick up or drop off times, who's collecting and holiday/time out of nursery. Many thanks

**Sports Day** - The older Berries children enjoyed a fun sports day over at Eye Bowls Club. They participated in running, egg and spoon and sack races. Many of the parents also took part in a Mums and Dads race too!! The Berries enjoyed ice lollies in the sunshine after all of their efforts.

**Graduation Day** - We had to say an emotional farewell to a number of our Berries on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July as they 'graduated' to their new schools. The children were handed certificates and a present by a very special guest the Mayor of Eye. We were very honoured and grateful for his time to join our special occasion. The Berries enjoyed watching a slideshow full of memories from the children's first days at nursery through to the current day! The families then enjoyed refreshments and yummy cakes. We would like to wish all of our leavers all the very best for their exciting journey through school. Once again we would like to thank Eye Bowls Club for their support in hosting our events.

**Gifts** - The staff would like to extend many thanks for your kind words, cards and gifts. Parents have been extremely generous and we are truly appreciative.

Room News -

**Baby Buds** - This term in the babies we have been doing lots of exploring the world, we have enjoyed looking at many different farm animals along side the book farm yard hullabaloo. The children loved making different marks with many colours to represent the different animals on the farm. We had a lot of small world play of the farm to connect our play with our messy mark making, from this we did a lot of animal sounds and singing using puppets.

We then explored our communication skills with every child a talker, having many activities that helped develop our communication skills, the babies loved looking for familiar objects and talking about what we saw in a large ice block, we used toy hammers to get the objects out, from this we learnt different sounds and words, enjoying lots of story bags and bubbles. The children love bubbles and alot of them were trying so hard to blow them, themselves as well as saying lots of sounds with this play.

We had a couple of weeks of summer activities, our favourite activity within these weeks were our paint popsicle painting, they loved exploring the coldness of the paint

popsicle, and watching them melt, creating lovely bright pictures. We also created sand art and polkadot dabber pen swimming costumes.

Within the term we had Father's Day too, the children loved making their canvas's and cards for their daddies, they loved using their fingers to make special art work.

We then went on to explore both our gross and fine motor skills, which also connected to the World Cup! We did ball games, throwing them to see if we could get them to stick to our sticky spider Web, the children love our golf tee hammer box, they concentrated for long periods of time trying to use their toy hammers to carefully hammer the golf tees into our cardboard boxes, they did very well with this and really seemed to enjoy it lots. We also created our own floor car track with masking tape, exploring different mark making and different ways of transporting and transferring.

The babies have loved using our decking area, which over the next term will be added too creating different areas on the decking, for lots more exploration.

Next term a couple of topics we will be covering is the book, going on a train ride, sensory week, under the ocean and the Zoo.

### Buds Two

This term in Buds the children have enjoyed taking part in lots of topics, such as Mini beasts, Safari, Father's Week, Little Red Riding Hood, Under the Sea, World Cup and Summer.

The children have made lots of lovely crafts such as paper plate bumble bees, lion masks, still life paintings of flowers, cheerio star fish, creating flags from around the world and handprint sunshine's; to name just a few from each topic.

The children loved having some daddies to come in and play too, thank you to those of you that came in! The children loved making their Father's Day trophies and the rocky road bars.

The Buds have been taking part in lots of group activities during key person time and also with other adults. During the World Cup topic the children took part in a small world football match, this was using ping pong balls and our small world people, the children had a little person each which they used to pretend to kick the ball into a goal. The children have been busy cooking buns, cheese puffs, rocky road and chocolate dipped strawberries, Yum Yum.

It's been lovely to be out enjoying the nice hot weather too! The Buds have all had a great time outside in the bug garden, vegetable garden, playground on the big bikes and also using the big climbing frame and slide on the grass!!

Next terms topics will include Handa's Surprise, Superheroes, At The Beach, Elmer, Food and Drink, Circus, Harvest, Literacy and Mark Making, Sounds and Senses & Transport and Travel.

## Berries

This term in the Berries we have celebrated the Queen's birthday, making crowns, looking at previous kings and queens on the laptop and we made a Victoria sponge, which we cut up and shared for snack.

The children made rocket cards and painted paperweight stones for Father's day and enjoyed having some of the Dad's in to play. Thank you.

We have been making the most of the lovely weather being outside lots, supporting England and other teams in the world cup by doing various activities e.g flag making, designing football shirts and playing football.

The children leaving to go to school enjoyed their sports day and had fun doing some races with their families watching, the children back at nursery also did some races too.

We held a lovely graduation service at the bowls club, all the children made a hat to wear, the children's families came and we watched a slideshow to celebrate the children's time at nursery, the Mayor of Eye also came and presented the children with a certificate and present. We would like to wish all our leavers good luck at school and for the future.

Over the next few weeks we will be doing lots of summer activities and celebrating a different Italian festival called Ferragosto, an Italian public holiday and is a time for vacation, picnics with nice food and dancing.

## After School Club

This term the children have been really busy at school so have looked forward to some fun at the after-school club. The children have taken advantage of all this nice weather and have spent a lot of it outside. One game which has been popular has been catcher the flag. The children have divided into two groups with each group having a variety of ages. They draw a flag on a piece of paper, each side then hiding the paper somewhere on their half of the grass. Then the children have to go and search the other groups side trying to find their flag without getting caught. If the other team catches a member of the following team they are put in a place where they have to stay until a member of their team gets them out. This game has shown great planning and tack ticks as well as great team work and lots of fun.

Building dens has been another great activity that the children have enjoyed. Some of their dens had different rooms and secret ways in.

The children also helped with digging the potatoes out of the vegetable garden. The potatoes were a lot smaller this year due to the very hot weather. The runner beans are still growing.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the year 6 children who we have in the after-school club good luck with moving on to high school. Some of the

children have been here for many years and we have seen them grow and now they are moving on to their next adventure. We will miss them but wish them all the luck for the future.

We are now looking forward to the summer holidays, let's hope it doesn't start raining now!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe summer and look forward to welcoming back all our term time only children the From Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date
Term Time Only Children Finish	Monday 23rd July
Holiday Club Commences	Monday 23rd July
Nursery Closure - Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August
Term Time Only Children Return & Funding Commences	Wednesday 5th September
Half Term for Term Time Only Children	Week Commencing 22nd October
Holiday Club	Week Commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Term Time Only Children Return to nursery	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Term Time Only Children Finish and Funding ends	Tuesday 18th December
Nursery closes for Christmas	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
Nursery Opens	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January