

The Mulberry Bush Nursery

May 2018 Newsletter

Dear All

Welcome to our May 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.

Warmer Weather - Please can we remind all parents to send their child in with a labelled bottle of sun tan lotion and sun hats for those very sporadic days of sunshine! Please ensure you are checking the UVA ratings - many of the more expensive labels have 3 or 4 stars with the less expensive/home brands having 5 stars.

Medication - If your child needs medication during the day please ensure these are given to your keyperson or a member staff within the room your child attends, along with filling in a permission form please. Also ensure each is labelled with your child's name. If any medication contains Aspirin, we can only administer this if it is prescribed by a doctor.

Photographer - Teri Brice will be visiting the nursery again this year on Tuesday 5th June for the day. Last year Teri captured some wonderful photographs of the children. We will arrange for all children who attend Nursery on a Tuesday to have their photograph taken but if your child does not normally attend nursery on a Tuesday and you would like to book an appointment with Teri please contact the office as soon as possible. Please feel free to bring in any special clothes you would like your children to wear for the photographs.

Packed lunches - Some children in nursery have packed lunches, please can we ask that you ensure there are no nuts in any of the items within these. Please check the ingredients including any chocolate items as we are a **NO NUTS** establishment along with having a child with a severe nut allergy.

Also, if you include grapes please supply them already cut into 4 pieces due to the choking hazard of whole grapes for children or they will not be served.

Funded sessions- Due to the complexity of funding offered, we are no longer able to offer holiday entitlement or swapped sessions to funded children (2,3 and 4yr olds).

If your child is unable to attend one of their sessions, please inform the office so that they can be removed from the registers.

If you require your child to attend additional days to their regular bookings, please enquire at the office for availability and these will be charged at the regular hourly rate.

Drop off and collection times - We would like to remind parents that it is crucial to our smooth running of the nursery that children are dropped off and collected at their booked times. Staffing rotas and ratios are carefully calculated to ensure appropriate levels are met throughout the day therefore please do keep to your times. Please can we also remind parents

not to hold the main entrance door open for other people including parents 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. Please can we also ask that you sign your child in and out of the nursery in the books provided in the main cloakroom. It is important that we have a written record of the children who are in the nursery, who brought them in and who is due to collect them.

Father's Day Weeks - We would like to invite all male carers into the nursery during the weeks commencing 11th June and 18th June. You will have the opportunity of spending an hour with your child enjoying a snippet of their life at nursery! If you have a special hobby or talent you would like to share with your child and the rest of the children in their room please do advise us. Please speak to your child's key person to book in a convenient time.

Fundraising - Peppa Pigs Muddy Puddle Walk

The children really enjoyed going out on lots of walks this week, up the farm and down the Avenue for our sponsored event, especially with our Whole nursery including the Babies, buds and Berries altogether walk, along with bringing in some lovely cakes to sell. Thank you all for your great support and generosity for this event we have raised a grand total of £450.00 for Save the Children.

Macmillan Cancer - Alyssa, one of our baby room staff will be taking part in a 26.5 mile walk in June to raise money for Macmillan Cancer charity. To help Alyssa raise a little more we will be holding a cake stall in nursery the week of the 11th June. All donations of cakes will be great fully received (Please **NO NUT** recipes).

Staff news - We are pleased to inform you that we have a new member of staff with us her name is Pauline Roberts she holds a teaching degree and will be working within all rooms as required. please be with us and welcome her to the team.

We would also like to welcome Vicky back from her maternity leave, she will be working part time Wednesday, Thursday and Friday within the office as deputy manager.

Unfortunately we have to inform you that Sue has left the nursery to work within another pre-school but will return within the summer holidays to work in the holiday club.

Tapestry - We hope you enjoy looking at your children's learning journeys and all the fun activities they are doing as they learn here at nursery.

Please feel free to add your own comments, photos, achievements and wow moments at home, on holiday. To create a full diary of their child's early years journey to keep and look back on. The staff would love to see what they get up to and discuss them with the children when they return to nursery.

Our Spring term reports for each individual child are now available to view on your tapestry accounts.

Room news

Baby buds - This spring term the babies have really enjoyed a lot of activities do to with nature, physical development and health and self - care. They really enjoyed all the activities for Easter, such as egg rolling painting, chocolate Easter nests and trying to find eggs in many different things, such as shredded paper, water and a little egg hunt round the room. After Easter spring began so we started looking at spring things, we made bunnies, daffodils, and they really enjoyed creating broccoli printing for our seasons tree to make blossom.

We have enjoyed looking at the very hungry caterpillar book doing many crafts and feeding our own hungry caterpillar posting box. We then began to look at nature and mini beasts, we had many messy play activities with our collection of toy mini beasts, and making nature sun captures, during our nature week we also went on all those muddy puddle walks, the babies loved exploring all the muddy puddles, so much so we even created our own small world muddy puddles for our toys to splash in.

We then looked at being healthy where we learnt about brushing our teeth, washing our hands, and doing crafts about different fruits and vegetables, exploring spiralized vegetables. Even making a healthy plate. We had lots of baby role play out, and Dr's role play too.

We really enjoyed the Royal wedding week, we made our own scones, and ate them for snack. Created a royal wedding cake from cake tins and playdough, we also created our own bunting using paint and pens, chalks and pencils, that were blue and red, they loved painting their own hands and printing them on the page. And if course enjoyed the royal tea party on the green.

Next term we will be looking at things that go, Fathers week and finding out about the book farmyard hullabaloo, we will also enjoy a lot of summer activities, and exploring the creatures of the sea and the beach, so if you do anything at home during the summer do please let us know.

We are also reading a lot more stories before bed, so if your child has a favourite book at the moment please do let your key person know, as I'm sure if they like it all their friends would like to hear the story too.

Buds Two - What another busy term the Buds have had!

We have taken part in lots of different topics, these topics have been; Shapes, Dear Zoo, Easter, Spring/Growing, Science, At The Farm, Our Bodies, Pirates and Firefighters. The children loved our Easter egg hunts over the Easter period! The children took part in lots of different science experiments and even got themselves a certificate for being 'Super Scientists!'. During our farm week we also took part in a 'Muddy Puddle Walk', we went for a walk each morning and afternoon to the farm or to the bowls club, they all loved jumping in the puddles and getting very wet and muddy!!

We have been looking lots at our body parts and self - care, creating x-ray pictures, learning about the importance of washing our hands and carrying out physical activities.

The children had a lovely time making decorations for the Royal Wedding! They were busy having their hands painted red and blue on them printing them onto white card to make a flag, we then made their hands into bunting flags which we have hung in the Buds play room, most of the children also made crowns which they wore to pretend to be prince and princess'. Sharon brought in her wedding dress to show the children, some of the children wore her veil and pretending to be a princess!

Our next topics are: Mini Beasts, Safari, Fathers Week, Little Red Riding Hood and Under the Sea.

Berries - This term in the Berries, we have been making some lovely Easter crafts and going on an egg hunt, making a special trip to Thornham walks where we met the Easter Bunny too. We have talked about Spring making a lovely wall display of caterpillars, butterflies and lambs. The Berries enjoyed going for a walk down the farm to see the lambs and the flowers. We then celebrated St Georges day making flags and dragons and we made delicious fruit scones to have for snack with cream and jam.

Also this term we have been learning about the Japanese cherry blossom festival, making cherry blossom trees using our finger prints and scrunched up tissue paper for the blossoms. For May Day we did some dancing with ribbons and made some pretty flower garlands to wear. The children had great fun participating in the Peppa pig muddy puddle walk for Save the children charity. We went for a walk each day and found lots of puddles to splash in! We have looked at our pets. The Berries have been asking the other children and Staff if they have any pets creating tallies. This information will be put onto a chart on the wall in our classroom.

We held a traditional afternoon tea with cucumber sandwiches, scones with jam and cream. Followed by party games to celebrate the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about growing things, the Queen's birthday and making things for Father's Day.

After school club -It's been nice to have some warmer sunny weather. The children have made the most of it and have been making up chasing and hide and seek games outside to play together. It's been nice to see all the different ages play together, With the older ones explaining the rules so the younger ones can understand.

We have also made some bread and the children made it into different shapes and designs. The parents commented how nice it smelt when they came it pick up. I don't think any had a chance to try any though as the children were looking forward to eating it all themselves. Making our own playdough and slim was a great success and lots of experimenting with making bubbles and stretching the slim.

I'm planning some more cooking and getting the children to help to decorate our tent as now the weather is getting warmer I hope to use the tent area a lot more.

We are looking forward to the half term holidays which includes a trip to Framlingham castle for their gruesome goings on!

Term Time Only Children -Term Time only children will finish for Half Term on Friday 25th May and will return to nursery on Monday 4th June 2018

Term Time only children will then finish for the Summer Holidays on Monday 23rd July 2018 and return for the Autumn term on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

Dates for your Diary (also available on the website)

Event	Date
Friday 25 th May	TTO Last Day for Half Term
Monday 28 th May	Bank Holiday Monday - Nursery Closed
Tuesday 29 th May to Friday 1st June	Holiday Club
Monday 4 th June	TTO Children Return to Nursery
Tuesday 5 th June	Photographer in nursery
Monday 11 th June to Friday 22 nd June	Father's Day Weeks
Tuesday 3 rd July	Sports Day (school leavers only)
Thursday 19 th July	Graduation Day (school leavers only)
Monday 23 th July	Last day for term time only children
Wednesday 25 th July to Tuesday 6 th September	Holiday Club
Monday 27 th August	Summer Time Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed
Wednesday 5 th September	TTO Children Return to Nursery
Tuesday 18 th December	Last Day for Term Time Only Children before Christmas
Friday 21 st December 6pm	Nursery closes for Christmas Holidays