

Dear Families

Welcome to the Summer Term! Let's hope we have sunny weather for outside play & fun!

The Summer term is packed with lots of exciting events and activities and it's important for you to put these dates in your diaries.

We only have 12 weeks left before the children leave us, so we want to make the most of our time together. We need to make this term exciting, yet calm and supportive for the children's health & wellbeing. We all know how the pandemic has affected everyone in different ways, but for children this trauma will manifest at different times and in different ways, therefore the end of nursery and start of school needs to be planned and made into a wonderful adventure, we need to acknowledge and label our sadness of children leaving, but be happy and proud of the wonderful, confident, independent little people they have become and celebrate this!

Please ring, email or have a chat with us if you need to know more about anything mentioned in this newsletter.

Lorraine, Nikki & Preschool Team

CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR, HATS & SUNCREAM

We hope to experience some sunny weather! We have free-flow play to our outside area; therefore it is vital that the children are protected from the sun. Hats that protect the children's faces, heads and necks should also be brought to every session, **with your child's name clearly marked**. Footwear needs to be protective around the toes and heels, lightweight, flexible and comfortable so that your child can participate on all equipment and in all activities (**NO CROCS/OR OPEN SANDELS**).

Please can you administer an 8-hour protection sun cream on your child before coming to nursery. We unfortunately don't have the staffing & time to administer sun cream to 60 children. However, if your child has to have a certain type of sun cream due to sensitive skin we can support you with this by administering during their session, an Eylog medication form will need to be completed by you and sent through to us giving permission to administer, the sun cream needs to be handed over at the door with your child's name clearly labelled on the front. Please check your sun cream dates, especially if they have been in the cupboard for some time, due to the short life span sun creams have, usually 12 to 18 months, they become ineffective.

CONFIRMATION OF SCHOOL PLACE

I am so pleased that you have all got the school of choice for your children.

We now start contacting them and making plans for transition dates, visits etc. You will receive visit dates from your schools, please let us know asap when these are, it is also your responsibility to take your child to these.

PRE-SCHOOL TRIP

This will take place on Friday 20th May to Little Owl Farm Park. You should have received an email asking if you are happy for your child to take part, the cut-off date is Friday 29th April. Once I have numbers I can put together an itinerary for the day.

LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPH

This is a lovely keepsake for you and your child, to look back on in years to come. We do key groups & a whole year photograph. To enable all the children to be involved we allocate a morning for this to happen, if your child doesn't attend that day, they can come in for approximately ½ an hour to be photographed with their group (if the weather is bad, it will be postponed): -

Badgers - Wednesday 11th May @ 9.30

Hedgehogs – Friday 27th May @ 9.30

Rabbits – Monday 9th May @ 9.30

Squirrels – Tuesday 10th May @ 9.30

Foxes - Friday 27th May @ 9.30

SPORTS DAY

This will take place on Friday 17th June @ 10am on the field behind the premises. Weather permitting!

Sports Challenge Ltd the company who deliver sporting activities to the children during the year will be organising this event. Freddy the Fox mascot will be cheering the children on and they will be presented with medals for taking part. Children who do not attend a Friday session will be welcome to join us at 9.30am at nursery and we will then escort all the children to the field, where families are very welcome to come and watch. (we will postpone if weather conditions are bad due to health & safety risk assessments)

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL REPORTS & PARENT INTERVIEWS

Week beginning May 23rd staff will be writing your child's final report. This will be sent to you via your eylog account to read.

Week beginning June 6th staff will be available to chat about your child's progress & development and any questions you may have about transferring into school.

You can email or telephone to make an appointment, the times are listed below and the days staff will be available. Appointments will start at 9am till 11.30am & 1.15am till 2.45pm a time limit of 20 minutes will be allocated.

Heather – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Beth – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Kayliegh – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Megan – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Davina - Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

PRE-SCHOOL FAREWELL PARTY

This special party will take place on Friday 22nd July. The party will take place at Perdiswell Young Peoples Leisure Club, Blue Roof from 1pm to 3pm. We have organised party games and an entertainer. Children who don't attend a Friday session will be welcome to join us at 1pm at the venue. Parents are invited to join us at 2.30pm to give the children a goodbye & farewell send off! We only have capacity for 2 family members to attend.

CLAINES JUBILEE CROWN COMPETITION

This is going to be a great event, organised by Claines Church, the RBL & other supporters in the community. I have been tasked with organising the childrens craft hut, which will be in the Scout Hut on Cornmeadow Lane, I am doing lots of crafts that children can take part in. However, we are doing a Jubilee Crown Competition, this will be judged by Claines Queen on the day and Cornmeadow Early Years & Families are sponsoring the event and will be giving prizes for the category winners. We have sent home a template, so get creative and bring back to nursery. I will display ready for judging in the day.



PRE-SCHOOL LITERACY HOME PACKS

Heather is our Literacy Co-ordinator, assisted by Kayliegh and is doing a fantastic job preparing the children for school through the Letters & Sounds programme, which is a government requirement for Early Years settings. Due to the children's enthusiasm learning their phonic sounds we would like to introduce you to The Oxford Reading Tree which is a reading scheme that most schools start with. We have put together some packs and thought it might be nice for you to share these at home with your child and get to know the characters within the stories, talk about what is happening in the story, practice holding and turning the pages of the book correctly and using a finger underneath the words. These are all good habits ready for reading at school.

- Let your key person or Nikki/Heather know this is something you would like to do
- Packs will be sent out on your child's last day of the week attendance ready for the weekend
- We would appreciate them back on your child's first day of the week attendance
- Heather & Kayliegh will put the pack in your child's backpack
- There are activity sheets which your child can do and keep.
- These pack cost money to set-up and reproduce, please take care of the books at home and make sure everything is in the bag when it is returned. We will give you a call if the pack is not returned, we need to get them ready for other children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Summer term starts – 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday closed – 2nd May 2022

Leavers Photographs – see message above for different group dates

Pre-school trip – 20th May 2022

Transition to school report writing – Week beginning 23rd May 2022

Half term – 30th May – 3rd June 2022

Sports Day – 17th June 2022

Partnership Interviews – Week beginning 6th June 2022

Pre-school Farewell Party – 22nd July 2022

Last day of summer term – 22nd July 2022

Summer Holiday clubs – 25th July to 26th August

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This term we are looking at.....



- If any parent/carer or family member has a hobby or particular interest and feel it will enhance the children's knowledge and learning experiences, we would love to welcome you into our nursery. Please speak to a member of staff.

