



THE BCOT NURSERY

## February 2018 Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

#### February 2018

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> - Parents Information Evening

#### March 2018

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day Celebration

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday - Nursery Closed

#### April 2018

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Easter Monday - Nursery Closed

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent Partnership Meeting - 5pm

#### June 2018

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Photographer

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Summer Fayre and Open Day - **Please note change of day**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day Celebration

#### July 2018

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - School leavers' dress up themed week

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - School leavers' tea

### Interests and Activities in Nursery

#### Piglets

The children are showing an interest in mark making using different crayons and pens, we will extend this interest by providing large pieces of paper attached to the floor for them to draw on continuing to use a variety of materials such as large chinks, thick pens and paint. We will be using some of their art work for our Weather wall display. These activities will encourage the children to interact with others and explore new situations when supported by a familiar person and to show control in holding and using mark-making tools.

**Parent Participation** - Please can you bring in any unwanted weather clothes for our wall display such as wellington boots, sunglasses, hat, gloves, scarf etc. Thank you.

#### Tiggers

Tiggers are really enjoying the toy cleaning station that holds a duster, mop, broom and dustpan and brush. When they see a member of staff using a dustpan and brush they ask to help. We are extending this interest by asking the children if they would like to help with certain aspects of the day such as wiping the table at meal times, sweeping up spilt sand, and helping to get out the beds at sleep time. These activities encourage the children to imitate and practice everyday actions.

**Parent Participation** - Why not encourage your child to help you with chores at home such as helping with the shopping, hanging up washing, dusting the lounge, preparing meals etc.

#### Christopher Robins

The children are enjoying the construction area at the moment in particular building with the Lego and Duplo bricks and balancing with the wooden bricks. This interest will be extended to provide

supervised real wood working activities encouraging the children to handle tools, objects and construction material safely and with increasing control. They will also be going on outings to the end of the car park to watch the new buildings being constructed encouraging the children to observe the changes to the buildings as time goes by.

**Parent participation** - Please can you bring in any old magazines from screw fix, B&Q, Homebase etc for the children to look through.

## Nursery News

### Information Evening - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Please join us at our Parent Information Evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February where there will be a School Readiness presentation with a question and answer session afterwards. There will also be information for you regarding toilet training, behaviour management, nutrition, sleep, language development and activities you can do at home with your child. Come a long for a cup of tea (coffee if you prefer!) and a chocolate biscuit for an opportunity to get to know other parents, have a chat with staff and pick up some helpful information at the same time.

### Nut Allergy

Please be aware that we have a child in nursery who has a nut allergy. Although the nursery is a nut free zone we do not have control over what is brought into nursery by parents, grandparents, children and visitors, therefore, please can you ensure you do not bring in or eat within the nursery anything containing any type of nuts, Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### On-line Learning Journeys

We now have the tablets for the on-line learning journeys and I have just bought the software 'Tapestry'. Over the next few weeks we will be starting to use it with some of the children. Now comes the fun part of learning how to use the software and putting it into practice!

### Direct Debit

A few months ago we set up the ability to pay your nursery fees via Direct Debit and this is working really well. If you haven't set up to pay by Direct Debit yet, please pop into the office for a form. Thank you.

## *Staff Profile*



Hi my name is Harini, I live in Basingstoke with my family and have two daughters. I have done my BBM, PGD in IRPM and PPTT course and am pursuing a certificate course in Introducing Caring for Children and Young People at BCoT College. I previously worked as a pre-primary teacher. Since November 2017 I am associated with BCoT nursery and I am getting a rich experience being here. I enjoy being around young children and also strongly follow this quote to heart. 'Every child can learn and develop with the right amount of care and love.'