



THE BCOF NURSERY

## February 2019 Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

#### February 2019

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Parent Information Evening - 6pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Parent Partnership Meeting - 5pm

#### March 2019

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Red nose day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day Celebration

#### May 2019

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Photographer in nursery

#### June 2019

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fayre

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day Celebration

#### July 2019

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Parents evening

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - School Leavers Tea

#### October 2019

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Photographer in nursery

### Interests and Activities in Nursery

#### Piglets

The children are really enjoying playing in the tunnel at the moment and this interest will be extended to include making tunnels using large cardboard boxes and then introducing light-up toys into the tunnels. These activities encourage the children to crawl or bottom shuffle to move around and to explore new toys and environments, checking in regularly with an adult as and when needed.

**Parent Participation** - Any donations of large cardboard boxes would help the children to experiment with different tunnels, thank you. Also we are in the process of developing a display in the role-play area relating to families, please could you bring in a photo of your child with their family for our display, thank you.

#### Tiggers

The children are enjoying a variety of jigsaw puzzles and insert puzzles at the moment and are working together in small groups to complete these puzzles. We will extend this interest by introducing more complex puzzles which will include shape and colour matching. These activities encourage the children to play co-operatively with others and to attempt successfully to fit shapes into spaces on inset boards or jigsaw puzzles.

**Parent Participation** - Any donations of unwanted jigsaw puzzles that you no longer use would be gratefully received, thank you.

#### Christopher Robins

Some of the children are showing an interest in small world dinosaurs and are looking at them in both fiction and non-fiction books. We will extend this interest by introducing a variety of activities including digging for bones in the sand tray, making dinosaur eggs with small dinosaurs in water filled balloons which are then frozen before the children investigate, making dinosaur scenes in the tuff spot and encouraging the children to compare the size of dinosaurs to everyday objects of today such

as a bus or cat. These activities encourage the children to experiment to create different textures, to order items by length or height and use language related to time.

**Parent participation** - Do you have a fossils at home? If so please could we borrow them so that we could show the children as it would be lovely for them to see real fossils and have discussions about these. We would be very grateful, and careful, with them, thank you.

### Nursery News

#### Parent Information Evening - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Information Evening this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm. During the evening there will be a presentation on School Readiness for all the parents of those children who will be starting school in September 2019. As well as information including toilet training, behaviour, language development, food and nutrition there will be a number of activities for you to try out. There will also be a member of staff logged on to Tapestry in the office to assist any parents on how to use it, view observations, record of developments and uploading your own family observations and photos.

#### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who replied to our questionnaire, please find attached some of the lovely comments you gave us and our response to any ideas for improvements. This information is really helpful in the continued improvement of the nursery.

#### Staff Profile



Hello, my name is Ria. I have been flexi-support at BCoT Nursery since September 2018 and I'm still loving it! I also work as a classroom based LSA at Fairfields Primary School, which keeps me busy. Previously I have worked in a small local design agency, and I used to love backpacking in exotic places before I had my son 14 years ago