

July 2019 Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

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Thursday 4th July - Parents evening

Friday 12th July - Nursery Staff Training Day - NURSERY CLOSED

Monday 15th - Friday 19th July - Christopher Robins dress up week, theme 'colours of the rainbow'

Friday 19th July - School Leavers Tea

Interests and Activities in Nursery

Piglets

The children are enjoying exploring the visual time line board, and looking at the photos in the role play area. The team will be extending this by making a family board for the children to be able to see their family photos. A lot of children within the room are also showing a keen interest in water play outside in the lower garden and experimenting with different textures of sensory plays that the staff have been providing, along with the paddling pool. These activities are all extending the children's physical development, particularly their fine motor and gross motor skills. Their personal, social and emotional development, encouraging the children to engage in social interactions with others, as well as their communication and language development.

Parent participation – Enjoy walks outside collecting leaves, sticks and flowers for the children to explore. Please can you provide some family photos for the children's family display.

Tiggers

The children have continued to show a keen interest in sticks and twigs. The team will extend this interest into the mud kitchen and sensory garden where they will go on bug hunts, dig for buried treasure in the mud, and make mud towers. Tiggers' have also been enjoying making dinners in the role play area, creating lovely meals to eat.

Parent participation – Enjoy walks outside looking for bugs and creepy crawlies. Take part in some simple cooking activities with your children.

Christopher Robins

Winnie-the-pooh children are joining in with a variety of activities with their favourites being investigating the playdough, drawing and playing with the babies in the role play area encouraging them to give meanings to the marks they make and to build stories around their play.

Wise Owl children have started to visit their new schools and we have had a number of teachers come into nursery to see the children, the children are talking about their experiences at school at news time, we have also provided school uniforms in the role-play area for them to pretend they are going to school, this also helps with their independent skills which is promoted through other areas in the nursery such as self-serve meals etc.

Parent participation – Please talk to your children about their school visits so that they can share their thoughts and feelings if they choose to do so. Please keep us informed of any new information you may receive from school and any questions or concerns that your children or yourselves may have so that we can reassure them.

Nursery News

Summer Fayre

This year we raised an amazing \pounds 436.98, which will go towards the new equipment for the garden. Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Father's tea</u>

It was lovely to see so many dads and grandads attend this year, this was our biggest turn out. We hope you enjoyed exploring the nursery with your little ones and had a wonderful Father's Day.

Parents' Evening – Thursday 4th July from 6:30pm

Thank you to those of you who have made appointments to see your child's key person on Thursday. There is still time for you to make an appointment with your child's key person in the room. If you are unable to attend this date please speak to you child's key person to arrange a convenient date. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening.

School leavers 'Rainbow' themed week

This year for our themed week we are asking:

'How many different colours can the children dress up in over the course of the week?' All children throughout the nursery are welcome to join in with the dressing up, we look forward to seeing an array of colour in the nursery during that week.

Staff Training Day

Please be aware that the nursery will be closed on Friday 12th July for our annual staff training day, therefore you need to make other childcare arrangements for your child on that day. Please note, you will not be charged for this day if your child attends nursery on a Friday. Thank you.

<u>Staff Profile</u>



Hi my name is Laura, I have lived in Basingstoke for 3 years now, before moving here I lived in Hungerford with my parents and brother. I went to Newbury College where I studied my level 1 and 2 in Child Care. I then carried on to do my level 3 apprenticeship within a nursery in Hungerford. I joined BCoT at the end of May and am enjoying getting to know the children and staff. At home I have two Guinea Pigs called Bucks and Chewie. I am also getting married this September.