



## June 2021 Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

#### June 2021

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

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#### July 2021

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Staff Training Day – Nursery closed

Week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meetings

#### August 2021

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday – Nursery closed

### Interests and Activities in Nursery

#### Roos

The children have started to compare objects by size – big and small. We will encourage this interest by focusing the activities we offer around opposites, for example, exploring big and little objects, loud and quiet sounds, solid and liquid mediums with equipment such as building blocks, musical instruments and water play. These activities will encourage the children to talk about opposites and begin to categorise objects according to properties such as shape.

**Parent participation** – Talk with your child about everyday objects such as a big bus and a small car, a loud motorbike and a quiet pushbike etc.

#### Piglets

The children have been noticing the planes in the sky when we are in the garden. This interest will be extended by introducing paper planes for them to decorate and learn how to fly. We will also introduce paper boats for the children to use in the water tray as well as a variety of water play including ice cubes (to talk about hot and cold), water painting and a car wash. These activities will encourage the children to talk about different vehicles and how they work.

**Parent participation** – Talk about different vehicles that you see while you are out and about with your child.

#### Tiggers

The children are continuing to be interested in doctors, they have dressed up as doctors, made craft doctors bags to name a couple of activities. This interest will be extended by introducing books, role-play equipment and other activities related to occupations such as nurses, vets, dentist etc. These activities will encourage the children to show an interest in different occupations and ways of life and to build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.

**Parent participation** – Talk with your child about different occupations, perhaps pointing out a doctor's surgery, hospital, bus driver and more when you are out on walks

#### Christopher Robins

As the children are getting ready to start school in September they are talking a lot about this in the room. To help with the transition to school we will introduce school uniform in the role-play area, make a display showing the different school logo's, continue activities that encourage independence, introduce a variety of school related books to the children and discuss the similarities between nursery and school. These activities will help the children with their transition into school and encourage them to talk about their feelings with regard to going to school.

**Parent participation** – Talk with your child about starting school when they initiate a conversation. Some children will want to talk about it more than others and it is recommended that you take the lead from your child so they get just the right amount of information for them.

Photographer – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

If your child does not attend nursery on a Tuesday or Wednesday and you would like them to have their photograph taken please contact the nursery to arrange an appointment for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, due to COVID:19 restrictions your child will have to enter nursery on their own for this appointment.

### Parents Evening

Due to the continued changes to the way the nursery must operate as we follow the Government COVID:19 Guidance for Early Years we are still unable to hold face to face Parent Evenings. With this in mind we are going to try a new approach to Parents Evening. We will be booking meetings, either via phone or video call using GoogleMeet, during the days of week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July with a few meetings available in the evenings on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like a meeting with your child's key person please email the nursery on [nurser@bcot.ac.uk](mailto:nurser@bcot.ac.uk) stating a couple of dates and times that you would be available and we will do our best to accommodate. Parent meetings are strictly by appointment only.

### Staffing

I am pleased to announce that we have two new members of staff joining our Flexi Support staff, Tommy and Lisa, we welcome them to our team. We also welcome Ladda as a full time member of our team as she moves from Flexi support staff to full time in Tiggers Room. I am also happy to announce and congratulate Deepti and Jodie who will both be starting Maternity leave soon, we are still interviewing for Maternity leave cover and will keep you updated on this. We would also like to congratulate Katrina on her marriage to Stuart, after months of delays they finally tied the knot on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### Room moves

Starting August/September the children will all be moving rooms, except those who will be leaving us to start school in September. You will receive more information with regard to this including who your child's new key person will be closer to the time.

### Staff Training Day – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Every year we hold a Staff Training Day and this year it will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This gives the staff team much needed time to update their knowledge and time for some team building. The nursery will be closed on this day and you will not be charged, thank you.