

Newsletter April 2015

Happy Easter to everyone, we hope you have a lovely time with family and friends during the Easter holidays. We have had a busy few months since the start of the year and are now working hard to get our gardens ready for the children to explore and learn in during the spring and summer months, this includes a new growing area, 2 new sandpits and 2 new mud kitchens.

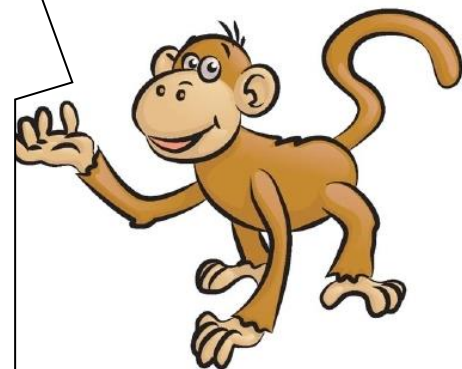
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new families who have joined us since January and also those who are starting in April. We would like to let you know about a change of job roles. Lisa, the giraffes' room leader has been busy at University getting her Early Years Professional Status. She will now be doing group work with the children across the nursery to support their next steps of development and will also be the nursery's SENCO and work alongside families and professionals supporting children who have additional needs.

Messages from the rooms...

Monkeys, little and big!!

Kimberley has now left us to have her baby, she has not yet given birth but it could be any day now. We will keep you updated with any news! We would like to congratulate Emma who has stepped up to be the room leader while Kimberley is away. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Sharon to the team, she has moved down from Scotland and joins us with a wealth of knowledge and experience of working in a baby unit.

We will be holding this terms stay and play on Friday the 10th April from 10am-11am. Please let us know if you will be attending. Please make sure you bring nappies and wipes in for your child, we do not have a stock of spares.



Zebras

We would like to welcome Emily to the team. She has joined us from a different nursery and has settled into our nursery extremely well, making great relationships with the staff, children and parents.

Parents evening is spread across 3 days this time, on the 30th, 31st March and 1st April. Please speak to your child's key person to book in a time slot.

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Leopards.

The leopards would like to welcome Chloe and Natalie to their team, she has moved over from the Giraffes and has already been an amazing member of the leopard's team.

This month our story of the month is 5 little ducks. Our song is Peter rabbit, the colour and number of the month is yellow and 7.

We also have a home link calendar on our notice board. Please feel free to write up and coming events you are having at home.

This month we will be doing lots of Easter activities including making Easter bonnets, chocolate nest eggs and lots of fun art activities.

Please remember to empty your child's tray at the end of each day so you can enjoy their art work at home. Thank you.

Giraffe.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Emily, Nicola and Chloe to our team. Emily returned from maternity in January, Nicola moved across from the Leopards to broaden her experience with different ages and also Chloe who has joined the team in March. Lisa has now left the Giraffes and the amazing Amanda has been stepped up to take her place as room leader.

We would like to invite you to our stay and play which will be on Friday 17th April 930-11, come and join us to have fun in the cube and take part in a PE session.



Wish list!

- Books suitable for children aged 3-5
- Outside play equipment
- Old pots, pans and utensils for our mud kitchen

Housekeeper

Andrea has been doing a great job cooking up a storm in the kitchen and will be making some changes to the menu starting in April after the holidays. If there are any recipe suggestions, please get in contact before the end of term and she will be able to review them before the menus are finalised.

Front door

Thank you for your patience when it comes to us answering the door. We all have busy roles and do our best to get there as fast as possible, unfortunately sometimes there may be a slight delay in us letting you in.

Lunch pots

Please can you collect lunch pots/tubs from the box by the front door each day. We will throw away any that have been left on the 2nd April, thank you.

Nursery dates

3rd April - Good Friday - nursery is closed

6th April - Easter Monday - Nursery is closed

Easter holidays are from Friday 3rd and starts again on the 20th April

Monday 4th May - bank holiday - Nursery is closed

25th May - Bank holiday - nursery is closed

25th to the 29th May - Half term

Warmer weather

Please ensure you provide your child with weather appropriate clothes, as we do go outside in all weathers. All items must be clearly named.

Sun cream

The nursery will again be providing sun cream to use on the children when playing outside, but please can we remind you that your child should come to nursery with sun cream already applied and we will top it up during the sessions, we thank you in advance for your cooperation in the matter.

Buggy shed - Reminder

Please ensure you collapse your child's buggy each day. We have cleared the buggy shed and put in some shelving to help create more space. Please do not leave them in the nursery hallway as they would be a hazard if we had to evacuate in an emergency.

Labelling food

When dropping off food/lunch bags to the kitchen please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Collection and dropping off times.

Please can we request that you keep to your booked nursery times. We only staff for the children that we have booked in, so collecting children late means staff are late going home or having their breaks. If this continues, late charges will be issued! We are aware that unforeseen circumstances can cause lateness so, please call the nursery to advise them of this.

The nursery is almost full.

Please be aware that the nursery is almost at its maximum capacity, so extra sessions and swaps will now be limited. Spaces for September and January 2016 starts are also limited.

If you know of any friends/family members who are planning to join the nursery either this year or next, we would encourage them to get their registration forms completed and returned as soon as possible to secure their space and avoid disappointment.

Extra sessions during the holidays.

If you would like to book any extra sessions throughout the holidays, please come to the office and we can book it in for you.

Fees:

Full days (7:30-18:00) £44

School day (8:30-3:30) £31

AM/PM (9am - 1pm or 1pm to 5pm) £19

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