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NEWSLETTER

Summer 1 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to nursery everyone after the Easter break. Wow! I can't believe we are entering the Summer Term already; this year is whizzing by!

Here comes Summer!

Book of the Week

We are changing our book of the week slightly; we will now be focussing on one book for two weeks.

This gives us more time to incorporate other activities and opportunities for the children.

15th April – The Very Hungry Caterpillar

29th April – Monkey Puzzle

13th May – Goldilocks and the Three Bears

School Admission – September 2024

Those of you with children due to start school in September this year, you should receive information about which school your child has been offered a place on 16th April 2024. Please can you let us know which primary school your child will be attending. All schools have their own transition arrangements that they will communicate to you in due course.

Clothes

Just a reminder that the weather can still be unreliable at this time of year, so coats may still be needed. Soon (hopefully) you will be asked to provide sun cream for your child, an email will be sent out about this shortly.

Ballet Sessions

We are very excited to announce that we will be holding ballet sessions with Louise, the principal of Newmarket School of Dance again this year. This will take place on a Tuesday afternoon for 6 weeks, starting Tuesday 16th April. The children will get to experience a full dance class from a professional dance teacher. This is only open to children who usually attend on a Tuesday afternoon.

Stay and Play Session

This half term the Stay and Play session will be on Friday 26th April, 1.30 - 3.10 pm, this is open to parents/carers of children in on that session.

Bank Holiday Closure

Please note we are closed for May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May.

Mystery Reader

Just a reminder that 'Mystery Reader' continues this half term. If you have a spare five minutes and would like to come in to share a story with the children at the end of a session, we would really appreciate it. The idea is the children do not know who is coming in to read, so you will be a mystery and a surprise. We haven't had a mystery reader come in to read to the children yet, which is a shame, in previous years this has been quite popular and the children have really enjoyed the experience. Please drop me an email if you are interested in doing this so that we can book a day and time.

Book Library

We operate a book library in the entrance hall of nursery. You and your child are able to borrow a book and bring it back the following week. This operates on a trust system, with the parent/carer signing the book in and out of the nursery. I know that some of you do access this however it would be great if more of you could make use of this service. The books have recently been changed, so if you haven't borrowed a book for a while, now would be a good time to have another go. Happy reading!

Recruitment

I am disappointed to tell you that we still have not been able to fill the staff vacancy that we currently have available. Please can I ask that you continue to be patient with the staff team, they are all working extremely hard to ensure that the children are not missing out on anything because of this situation. If you know of anyone who has an early years qualification and is looking for a new challenge, please do urge them to get in touch.

Father's Day Friday

On Friday 14th June we will be holding Father's Day celebrations. As usual there will be sessions in the morning and afternoon and the invitation is extended to all male relatives. An email with more information will be sent out nearer the time, but please diary the date!

Diary Dates

Ballet – Tuesday pm sessions - 16th, 23rd, 30th
April, 7th, 14th and 21st May

Stay and Play – Friday 26th April 1.30pm -3.10pm

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May (closed)

Half Term – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Summer Trip – Monday 15th July, full details to follow.

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

