



## Early Years Centre, April/May 2018 Newsletter

We hope you all had a good rest over the Easter holidays, enjoyed the sunny bank holiday and that the children are happy and keen to continue with their learning activities. Here is all the latest news ahead.



### Preschool Graduation for School leavers

When: Tuesday 17th July 2018

Time: 2pm

Where: Nuffield Theatre

An email will be sent when tickets are available to be collected.

### Sports Day

When: Wednesday 11th July 2018

Time: 9:45am—11:15am

This is for all Preschool children.

Pre-schooler's will walk over to the sports hall together so we ask that parents make their own way to the University Sports Hall ready for a 9:45am start. We ask that parents bring any children who do not attend this session over to the sports hall.



### Long down dairy farm trip

For school leavers only On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. A parent/grandparent must attend with the child. Unfortunately no siblings. More details will follow!

### **SICKNESS & DIAHORREA**

Just a little reminder that after sickness and diahorrea, the Centre policy states that children need to be absent for 48 hours

### **SCHOOL PLACES CONFIRMED**

Please inform your child's keyworker which school your child will be going to come September 2018.

This will mean we can arrange visits with the school and conduct a smooth transition for all our school leav-

### FIRST AID TRAINING EVENING

The next in-house First Aid training evening will be held on 24th July 6-8pm

## LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

A 'late fee' of £15 per 15 minutes will be charged for persistent late collection.

It is a concern at the increasing number of children who are being collected late. Can we kindly remind you that children must be collected on time at the end of their session.

The impact of not being picked up on time can be underestimated.

The child that has been left behind feels an increasing level of anxiety and distress the longer that they are unsure of where their parents are.

The impact on the Centre of having a child left behind at the end of the session is also detrimental as it requires two members of staff to supervise that child. This means that those staff will be delayed in undertaking their duties in preparation for children's learning the following session or day.

We understand that there will occasionally be exceptional circumstances when parents are delayed. Please contact the Centre to advise us that you are going to be late and who will be collecting your child. It is comforting for your child to know that you are on your way.

All parents/carers should be onsite and ready to collect their child when the session ends:

Morning session: 8:00am—1:00pm

Afternoon session: 1:00pm—6:00pm

- ♦ One verbal reminder about collection will be given on the first instance of a late collection.
- ♦ In accordance with the uncollected children policy, the Early Years Centre has the right to impose a charge for the additional childcare given as all additional care results in staffing costs/time.
- ♦ A 'late fee' of £15 per 15 minutes will be charged for persistent late collection.

## Times

If you like to receive full feedback for your child at the end of the session we ask that you arrive in good time before the session ends.

Sessions finish at 1pm and 6pm.

Please be reminded, a 'late fee' of £15 per 15 minutes of being late will be charged.

## Tapestry

Thank you to everyone who has read the key-worker comments and posted your own on Tapestry. Your involvement helps us with planning for each child and we hope you enjoy reading and seeing what your children do during their time with us.

If you haven't looked recently, please do take a moment to review your child's progress.

## Fit Kids

During the University exam period which starts from Monday 21st May until Sunday 10th June there will be no Fitkids at the Sports Centre.

## Absence/ Holiday

Thank you for your phone calls when your child will not attend or that you are running behind schedule. Receiving these calls by 9:00 a.m. is very much appreciated. Likewise, letting the office know if your child is going to be away on holiday is very helpful to our occupancy planning.



# Butterfly Babies

You may have noticed the new vinyl flooring in the baseroom! We are thrilled with the end result and the babies are loving crawling around on the new shiny surface.



We have been learning about...

St Georges Day

All About Me

Learning new songs and looking at books

Jungle / Safari Theme.



Our activities this summer will be focused on 'Summertime Fun'. Painting and drawing materials will encourage our babies to hold and use brushes and crayons, and their palmar grasp capability will be improved.

During the quieter moments of our day, the babies will develop listening and language skills through songs, books and puppets.





# Tiger Tweenies

The children have enjoyed heading outside for walks in the sunshine. We even made it to the park which the children loved.



Our 'bug topic' was a great success; looking for bugs inside the interest tables and out in the garden using the various magnifying glasses.

The children have been showing a lot of interest in the construction toys at the moment so we have been encouraging this and have been providing a varied selection to play with.



We like to go out in all weathers and because of the nature of the weather in this country parents might want to think about packing their child a puddle suit. You can purchase these online from Amazon.

Not forgetting to also provide swimwear for water play in the warmer weather!



# Turtle Toddlers

We welcome Jackie who is Lauren's maternity cover! Jackie will be running the room and takes on the role of acting Senior Practitioner until Lauren returns next April 2019. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to approach Jackie and ask away!



Over the next weeks the children will be learning about the planets and stars in the sky.



They will pretend to be kings and queens for the week, to celebrate the Queen's birthday!



We are encouraging parents to bring in their child's own water bottles from home, if you would like to bring your child's in please make sure this is labelled.

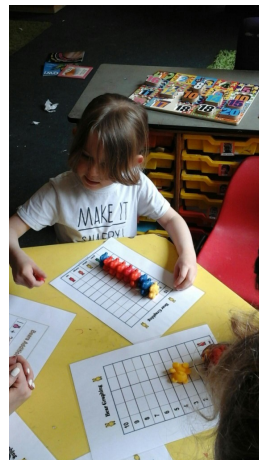


# Preschool (Pandas and Penguins)

We have been doing many activities within the penguin room and enjoying the nice April weather in the garden. The children enjoyed the topic Pirates and princesses. We made treasure maps, princesses' crowns, magic mirrors and telescopes. We also celebrated St George's day.



Fitkids is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ask your child's keyperson what day your child attends. Please have your child at the centre before 9:30am and can all children please be dressed appropriately and in trainers.



Teddy Bears Picnic planned on the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> May.



We plan to do some activities to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle by making cakes and party hats.



Congratulations to Jess from Pre-school, she competed in the "worlds cheerleading" competition in Florida and did amazingly well

# General Themes for the Month

Holidays  
Woodland animals  
Families  
The Gruffalo  
Ramadan  
Nature  
People that help us  
Africa  
The Farm  
Colours  
Under the sea  
The Children's Next Steps

## ECAT

Young children need to listen to talking and adult conversations to learn about the patterns of rhythm and intonation in their language, which they will then learn to imitate.

### ACTIVITY

#### Pot & Pan Drums

Play a drum game with pots, pans and wooden spoons - you play short 2 or 3 beat rhythms then encourage your child to copy you - vary your beats to be long/short, quiet/loud, quick/slow - then you copy your child's rhythm!

