

Newsletter



2-3s Nursery May 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is upon us and the weeks are flying by! Since we have been back, the children have been extremely busy; with their second Woodland Adventures, Obstacle Challenges and a variety of other activities in the nursery!

You will also be thinking about what happens next with your child and their move to the 3-5s Nursery in September. Don't worry; we will be working closely you a make this transition as smooth as possible. Tracey has invited you all to attend a meeting on 25th May where she will explain the activities we provide for your child to support their transition. Joanna, 3-5s Leader will be at the meeting to explain how this will work for you in the autumn term.

You are also invited to a Welcome Evening for the 3-5s on Thursday 22nd June, 7pm—8.30pm Please join us for a child-free evening and glass of wine and we will talk to you about the 3-5s and give you a chance to meet your child's key person and look around the Nursery again.

You will shortly be receiving a letter from me with information about this event as well as the name of your Key Person, date of home visit and start date for September.

Sponsored Challenge

The children did an amazing job in their Sponsored Challenge two weeks ago...going over, under, around, through and along a variety of obstacles. They showed great determination as they persevered to conquer some very difficult challenges. Thank you to those of you who have returned your sponsor forms and money. It is not too late if you have not done this already, you can still send in forms and money, alternatively you can sponsor your child by using our Just Giving Charity account, by texting SPON17 and your amount to 70070.



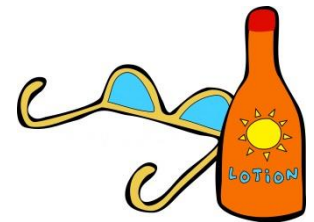
Woodland...take 2!

All children thoroughly enjoyed their Woodland Adventure - despite the very mixed weather! They discovered a frog, a stag beetle and spiders nests in their exploration.



Reminders

With the warmer weather coming, it is vital your children come prepared for the weather. We do provide hats for the children, but if they want to bring their own, please make sure it is named and on their pegs. Shoes and clothes need to be sensible; please no open toed sandals or crocs as your children will be climbing. Floaty pretty summer dresses and strappy tops are not the best when the children are in the garden for long periods of time. Shorts, leggings, T-shirts and trainers are advisable. We also would rather the children do not wear sunglasses in the garden, as these can be a hazard when they are climbing or if they fall. Please apply suncream before they attend nursery. It is not necessary to bring this in.



There are also a few parents who are sneaking into the car park to drop off or pick up children. Please note, the car park is for those with permits only. We cannot accommodate cars waiting while one family member drops off a child.

Are your children safe on line? BBC in conjunction with Cbeebies have produced a range of materials to support your children when using the internet on tablets and computers. Please take a few minutes to read through their tips and visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/article-internet-use-and-safety>

- Always sit with young children when they use the Internet.
- There are plenty of safe places for children to play and learn on the web (like the [CBeebies website!](#)) Get to know them and save them as shortcuts in your favourites folder.
- You can adjust browser settings and filters to protect children from unsuitable sites. Internet safety organisation [Internet Matters](#) has an interactive guide to setting parental controls across your whole house.
- If you have older children who want to explore on their own, it is a good idea to keep the computer in a family room or a place you share.
- Talk to your child about how to stay safe and let them know they can come to you



if they find themselves in any sort of trouble. [Thinkuknow](#) has some useful advice on this.

Remember - your actions and what you share online also play a big part in your child's online safety. Recent evidence reveals 'the average parent will share their child's image online nearly 1000 times before their fifth birthday (The Parent Zone, 2015). Are you a 'sharent'? Before you share again, take a read of this [Think u Know article](#).

Looking for half term fun?

Don't forget our Children's Centre at Goodwyns Road will be open for Stay and Play sessions throughout the half term week. Please check the website for dates of sessions.

If you are looking for something to do on Wednesday 1st June between 10am and 12 noon then why not pop along to the United Reform Church. FOND and some wonderful parent volunteers have organised an activity morning consisting of crafts, toys and games. This will be to raise money for FOND.

There will be a raffle too, so please take along any donations you have.



Family Fun Picnic

Our end of term celebration takes place on the last day of term, Friday 21st July. On this day, all children attend in the afternoon with their parents. The session is from 12.30pm - 2pm only and all parents/carers stay with their child for the duration of the afternoon. There will be lots of fun activities to enjoy after sharing a

picnic together. Younger siblings are welcome, but we cannot accommodate older ones. Another letter will be coming out shortly about this with more details.

Diary Dates

Please make a note of the following dates for your information:-

Thursday 25th May - Transition Coffee Morning for 3-5s 9.15am

Friday 26th May - after drop off - FOND Meeting - Waitrose

Thursday 22nd June, 7pm - Welcome Evening for 3-5s

Friday 23rd June INSET Day - Nursery closed

Monday 26th June - INSET Day - Nursery closed

Friday 21st July -

Last day of term - no normal nursery session - save the date -

Family Picnic 12.30pm - 2pm - more details to follow.

Don't forget to
'like' us on
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regular updates
and information



Best Wishes

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