



Newsletter



2-3s Nursery May 2018

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Dear parents and carers

April showers bring May flowers...and sunshine? Fingers crossed. The summer term has made a flying start and we are already in our third week of the half term.

Next Monday (7th) is Bank Holiday, therefore, Nursery is closed for the day, we will return on the 8th - have a wonderful long weekend. We also break up for half term on Friday 25th May for a week, so add that date in your diaries too!



Monday 7th May - May Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed

Monday 14th May - Sponsored Week

Friday 18th May - Royal Wedding Day - see details

Thursday 24th May - Transition Coffee Morning

Monday 28th May - **Friday 1st June** - Nursery Closed

Thursday 21st June - Parents Evening for 3-5s

Friday 29th June - INSET Day - Nursery Closed and **Open Afternoon in 3-5s 1pm - 2pm**

Thursday 19th July - last day of nursery sessions

Friday 20th July - Family Picnic - 1pm - 2.30pm

**New dates added!*

Transition to 3-5s

You will shortly be receiving a letter with more information about your child's transition to the 3-5s Nursery. This will give you information about your key person, home visit date and start date in September, please remember that breakfast, lunches and extended sessions do not begin on Day 1, we will build these up for your children as soon as possible.

Tracey and Joanna (3-5s lead) will be having a 'Transition Coffee Morning' on Thursday 24th May, 9.15am where they will talk more about what we will be doing to prepare the children during the Nursery day and the opportunities they will get to 'visit' the 3-5s. We can never underestimate (or guess!) how the children react during this time. Some take it in their stride, some find the whole process very daunting!

Don't forget your £5 termly donation for the summer term!

Breakfast and Lunchclub

If your child will be attending all day in September, it is a good idea to consider some lunch clubs this term. This will support the transition for your child so that their experiences are not all 'new' at the same time. If you would like your child to attend lunch club, it is from 11.45am - 12.30pm each day and costs £8.50 which includes the price of the hot meal.

Don't forget about Breakfast Club, open from 8am - 8.45am each morning. £5 per session. Please talk to Tracey if you are interested. We are hosting a special 'Royal Wedding Breakfast (Club)' on Friday 18th May.

Royal Wedding Day

We will be celebrating the Royal Wedding on Friday 18th May. The children will be doing a variety of red, white and blue activities, and we invite them to wear something in those colours too! FOND will be holding a 'bake off' cake sale, so we invite you all to bake (or bring) cakes in that morning for the sale. If you are able to spare half an hour during the day to support the team to sell the cakes, they will be very grateful.

Sponsored Week

You recently received a letter about our sponsored week beginning the 14th May. The children will be completing a series of obstacle challenges in the garden throughout the week. They will receive a certificate for their efforts and ask that you sponsor them using the sponsor form or Just Giving - by texting OBST18 and your amount to 70070. Last year we raised £600 to support purchasing new outdoor resources, so it would be great to beat this!

Sessions in 2-3s

Many of you are asking for additional sessions in the 2-3s Nursery now that your child has turned or is turning 3. Please note that spaces are not guaranteed and we are already full on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with limited sessions available on the other days. Please speak to Sarah or Tracey if you are interested in increasing sessions for your child.

Safety first

A newsletter would not be a newsletter without some form of reminder! Now that the warmer weather is here (almost); please can you take note of the following policy:-

1. The children need to wear a hat outside, please either provide your own for your child (named) or they will be asked to wear a nursery one
2. Sunglasses are not permitted
3. Open toe shoes, sandals or crocs are not permitted
4. Long floaty dresses/skirts and vest tops are not advised - shorts, t shirts and trainers are advisable
5. Please put suncream on your child before the session
6. Please bring jumpers, hoodies or a cardigan, even if you think it is sunny, it could still be chilly if they are outside for a long period of time.

You may have seen in the National Press about the rise in the oak processionary moth. Please be aware of these types of caterpillar when exploring the woods locally with your children. They can cause asthma attacks, rashes and vomiting, as well as fever and eye irritation.



From the Nursery

Welcome to all our new babies! The children have been talking about their new siblings and comments have included "they sleep a lot, cry a lot and laugh a lot!", and when an adult asked what the 'nice smell' was when referring to the flowers in the garden, one of the children replied "babies!"

Support for the Children's Centre

We continue to liaise with Surrey regarding the future of our Children's Centre here at Dorking. Surrey is looking to cut funding, which will impact on our budget significantly, and therefore the services we can provide for our families. If you have not done so yet, please sign the national and Surrey petitions - details on our website -

<http://www.dorkingnurserychildrenscentre.org.uk/news/childrens-centre-campaign>

There is due to be a public consultation in the summer, so we will need you all to voice your views then. Myself and Helen (Children's Centre Manager) have been lobbying local councillors, MP and cabinet members.

Thank you thank you thank you!

Thanks to those who came during the Easter holidays to help empty the sandpit in the 3-5s Nursery. We are so grateful! The sandpit has now been filled, thanks to the help of Maguire Conservation. There was some sand left which the 2-3s have benefitted from a sand-pit top up as well!



Thanks also to JS Associates for voiding his cheque for £208.56! We used this money to buy some 'building' resources for the children. Every little really helps!



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