

June Newsletter 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME to our new children starting this summer. We hope they enjoy exploring and enjoying all the new fun activities planned and make many new friends.



And welcome back to...

Hannah Tiller... who will be coming to work with us over the summer for three months. She has just completed her final year at university where she studied BA(Hons) Early Primary Education(QTS).

Well Done, Rachel!

Rachel has now completed her work for her degree in a BA(Hons) Early Years and ready to have a break now.....? **Perhaps not!!** As you may be able to tell, Rachel is expecting her second baby girl in August! She plans to start her maternity leave in late July, perhaps reducing her hours towards the end, but being there for the Leavers party and helping with the children's transitions to school.



Questionnaire-

Thank you for taking the time to complete our questionnaire at your child's Parents Review afternoon in May. We had a very good response and it is lovely to have your feedback to know what you like and enjoy about nursery, and also to have your suggestions too, which we have followed up individually and changed where possible. There were three areas where parents wanted to know more, these were:

***The levels of training we do and at what levels?** The training and continuous professional development of our staff is important and is encouraged at all levels from full qualifications in Childcare and Education at level 3, level 5 to Degrees. In important specific areas of knowledge all our staff have training in - Safeguarding, First Aid, Encouraging Positive Behaviour, Food Hygiene and Allergies, Prevent Duty.

Recent courses supported and encouraged through us are as follows:-

Rachel has just completed her work for her degree in a BA(Hons) Early Years, supported by the nursery.

Gosia has just completed her Level 5 Diploma in Leadership & Health & Social Care & Children & Young people supported by the nursery.

Louise has started her Level 5 Diploma at the beginning of this year and is supported by the nursery.



Currently in all we have four staff practitioners with Degrees and one training to a degree, three practitioners trained to at Level 5 Diploma, and another practitioner starting Level 5 Diploma and two practitioners training to level 3.

* **Home packs, activity sheets and books packs** to support your child are available and should you wish to do more with your child then we shall be happy to swop the packs more often, do ask your child's key practitioner.

* **Are the children well behaved at nursery?** We encourage good behaviour throughout the nursery and when a situation occurs practitioners address the matter with consideration to the child's age and understanding. Parents are informed and we work closely together in support when there is a need. We have and do explain the golden rules to the children. All our staff have had training 'Encouraging Positive Behaviour' recently.

Thank you for voting for our chicks names.

Within the nursery, we ensure that the children are involved in Democratic processes. One way of showing this is by having a vote and the most popular names will win. The winning names are....



Lumiere and Cogsworth!!

Summer Open/Coffee Morning is on Saturday 1st June, 10am till 12noon. We hope you can join us in the fun and see around the whole nursery. Free tea and cakes! Bring all the family!!

Term time only Funded Children – Summer term ends on 19th July. If you have arranged for stretched funding then your childcare is continuous over the summer holidays.

Summer Holiday Club for 5year plus - please see our booking form and table of activities we have on offer this summer. **Fun days for all.**

Just to let you know.....

St Giles Church Summer Fayre is on 6th July at the St Giles Church Community Hall, Main Street Balderton, at 2pm.



Summer Trips

Friday 14th June, White Post Farm, by coach.

Monday 24th June, the Creative children plan to take a train trip to Collingham to visit their lovely play park.

Thursday 11th July, Belton House and extensive park, near Grantham. by coach.

All parents or grandparents are welcome on the trips!

Extra Healthy Activities – Yoga, Caterpillar Music & Move-it

These activities have been provided this year and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We find that these activities benefit the children in many ways, helping them with their progression physically, helping their confidence and further independence.

On top of these activities, we take the children on walks as much as the weather allows – we go to the park, around the lake, to the local grocers and library.



Forest School

We are having a Forest School classes over the next 6 weeks for many of our children. We will be learning how to take risks outside and explore the use of natural objects, what we can make and create using them. Gosia and Jess shall be leading with the children to help learn new skills as part of their continuous professional development. Both Gosia and Jess are looking into training in Forest schools.

These are outstanding sessions to help children gain new skills and independence.



Don't forget to send in photos via the Tapestry App.

Many children have chosen some vegetables or fruit to take home and prepare for a meal at home with mum or dad. We have had some lovely photos sent in. More please!!





Leavers Party

For the school leavers, we are having the party on Tuesday 16th July, from 2-4pm. The theme is Pirates, and the invitations will be out shortly.

If your child is leaving and you wish to buy something for the staff, we ask that you please purchase vouchers as we receive too many chocolates and biscuits. Argos Vouchers for the nursery would be perfect or if you prefer a special new toy for other children to play with at nursery would be great.



Thank you for thinking of us and our waistlines!!

Toddlers Walking. To encourage your child to be strong and confident at walking please do take time to walk your toddler slowly from the Main door down to their room in the morning and back at the end of the day. Every time makes a difference in their ability, helping them to become stronger and more confident. Short walks add up.

Drop the Dummy -It is important that a dummy is used at the correct times to enable your child to speak freely. As your child turns one, it is best to limit their dummy time to when they sleep - afternoon nap time and when going to sleep at night time. By being consistent this helps your child to know when they can have their dummy. A child can then practice making and saying speech sounds, learn to say words correctly, and speak clearly. Dummies may also cause damage to their teeth.



VEG BOX, Each child in Pre-school has been collecting a **Veg box** with their parents from E.Banks, the green grocers, on Main Street, Balderton. They have received these from Jess and Rachel for great achievements or expressing clear knowledge of healthy eating or hygiene skills.

Parents have sent in lovely photos of their child helping them preparing the vegetables for a meal at home. And some photos of them eating their vegetables for all our healthy meals here at nursery



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