

Newsletter – June 2023



Dear Parents,

We would like to **WELCOME** all of our new starters to the nursery, we hope that they have lots of fun joining in with the planned activities and make lots of new friends.



Our theme of the month is: 'People Who Help Us' – We will be looking at all of the different occupations of those around us that are there to help when we need them. Some of them will be coming into nursery to show us what they do and how they can help. We have been lucky enough to have the fire brigade already. They showed us around the fire-engine, demonstrated how the hose worked, before letting us step aboard and have our pictures taken. We had a fantastic time. Over the next couple of weeks we are also expecting visits from a nurse and a police officer.

'Signs of the term' – Our new signs for this term are, 'House,' 'Firefighter,' 'Policeman' and 'Nurse.' These are on a poster at the front of the nursery, linking to our theme. If you unsure of how to do them, please do ask a member of staff and they will be happy to demonstrate them.

Planting and Growing: The children really enjoyed our topic of 'Planting and Growing.' They have been planting sunflower seeds which have started to go home. Children in Pre-School also planted their own conkers, which have all gone home looking like miniature trees. We hope you enjoy them!! Our lovely handyman Henry has also made us an amazing new 'planter' in the garden for us to begin growing vegetables. We already have broccoli, carrots and tomatoes on the go!



Belton House: Letters will be going out shortly for our annual trip to Belton House on Thursday 6th July, where we will be exploring the gardens, hiding in the maze as well as having a yummy picnic lunch and playing on the amazing play equipment. Any help from willing volunteers will be very much appreciated.



Trips Out: The children had an amazing time at White Post Farm, looking at all of the animals and exploring the environment. We saw a lot of newborn lambs and goats which was lovely to see. A huge thankyou to all of the parents that came to help. The children in the Creative Room also caught the local bus into town, visiting the Castle and the sand park. We also have a visit arranged for Beanblock Café, to listen to a children's author as part of the Book Festival.



Tapestry Challenges: Please keep an eye on your child's Tapestry account for any challenges that the ladies may set for you to complete at home. We love to see photos of what your child is getting up to at home.



Teddy Bears Picnics: We have invited the school teachers from all our transitioning schools to a teddy bears picnic in the garden. We have two arranged so that they can see all of the children that will be attending their school. We have ensured that all children are in on the specific dates for their teacher. This is a great opportunity for the teacher to see them in another setting and get to know them before they go to school.

Employee of the Month: Our star practitioner is Megan in the Explorer Room. She has recently completed her Level 2 Qualification and she has put herself forward for her Level 3. She has been thinking of lots of new creative ideas for the children as well as supporting Abbie E in the room with great confidence.



Training – As part of our professional development we continue to send the staff on training courses:

- Ruth, Abbie E and Demi have completed Language Lead sessions.
- Ruth and Rachel have achieved a certificate in Oral Health.
- Ruth is also attending a course looking at Quality Interactions between staff and children.



Stay and Play

Please don't forget to book in your Stay and Plays with your child. This will allow you to see your child in a different environment and be able to play with them and their friends. This will also help their key person to observe them with you. We may see something that we don't normally!!

Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 5th June – Fire-Engine Visit
- Sunday 18th June – Father's Day
- Wednesday 28th June – Teddy Bears Picnic for Winthorpe Primary and Chuter Ede
- Thursday 29th June – Nurse Visit
- Friday 30th June – Teddy Bears Picnic for John Hunt and Donald Bailey
 - TBC – Police Visit

