

# Newsletter - July 2020



Dear Parents,

We would like to WELCOME baby Charlie who has joined us and also to all the children who have now returned to join their group 'bubble' with their key practitioner in their usual room.

## Toileting

Many Explorer room children have been concentrating on toileting as one of their next steps in their learning. Gosia and Abbie E. have been really working hard making it fun for each child and by giving support and advice for parents at home.

When to start is when a child has learnt to pull up their pants, trousers up and down, shows interest in others using the toilet, and be noticeably dry for between one and two hours at a time. Our experienced staff are ready to encourage the children to learn and become more independent.

## Help and Advice

If you are a parent needing any advice we are always happy to help and if we can't then we will point you in the right direction. If as a parent you wish to have more information and guidance in specific areas, please speak to our senior practitioners - Rachel, Layla, Gosia or Lucy, who are here to offer advice on areas for example toilet training, dropping the dummy and giving practical help and ideas on encouraging a child's independence. 1:1 private (2 metre distancing) chats with you at a time that suits you.



## Healthy Lifestyles and Wellbeing

Throughout our All About Me Topic we have looked into the importance of staying Healthy and Safe. We have looked at the foods we eat, the exercise that we do and different choices that we make and how we look after our own health by simply washing our hands regularly, to why we brush our teeth. There has been plenty of outside play, using the bikes and making obstacle courses.



Fruit and Veg Hampers, Some children in the Creative Room have been collecting a box with their parents from E.Banks, the green grocers, on Main Street, Balderton. They have received these from Rachel for great achievements or expressing clear knowledge of fresh and healthy eating or hygiene skills. Parents have sent in lovely photos of their children helping them preparing the vegetables for a meal at home and eating them afterwards. We will have a display of these at the front of nursery soon.

**Payments reminder - All monthly payments are to be paid by or on 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, or within 7 days if invoiced. Thank you.**



**Demi is the Employee of the month for June**, as she has just got on with everything so well being very positive and helpful. She can adapt to different environments and has been using her initiative to get things done. She has been working well with all children in her bubble, with creating their challenging activities and supporting children to learn new skills, moving them on to each next step in their development. **Well done Demi.**

### People Who Help Us

We will be looking at people who help us and different occupations in the next few weeks. We have some new dressing up outfits for the children to explore and try on. If you or any of your family members hold important roles in our community, please could you send us in a picture, so that we can talk about the different jobs that are around us. It is lovely to hear the children talking about the people close to them and about what they do.



### Tea Towel

We are currently waiting for an image of a tea towel that we have had made. This has images on by your own child, the Creative Room doing portraits, Explorers with hand prints and footprints from The Discovery Room. Hopefully this will be with us very soon and we can let you all have a look.

Term time only Funded Children - Summer term ends on 24th July. If you have arranged for stretched funding then your childcare is continuous over the summer holidays until the end of August. A quick reminder...if your child is leaving us to go to school, please could you provide us with a written notice of four weeks and the date of their final day with us. Thank you.

### Children who are coming up to being 2 years old.

**If you know of a child who is 2 before 1<sup>st</sup> Sept and would like a 15 hour Funded Place, then please pass on our details or ask us for our information pack.**



### Home Activities

Thank you to all of the children that sent in pictures of building houses at home. We have sent certificates out in the post to Layla in the Explorer Room and Ben in the Creative Room for their handiwork.

**Your next challenge** is to do some fact finding for Gosia and Rachel. If you are an Explorer, we would like you to do a picture of your favourite animal and find an important fact out about them. If you are from the Creative Room Child, please find three facts about your favourite animal and make sure that you send in pictures of you researching. Thank you.

**Thank you again to all our staff** who are able and willing to keep the nursery running, doing longer days and still adhering strictly to the changes we have made here in the light of Covid-19. They have been continuously washing their hands and cleaning, alongside the changes in how we work our day. All with the children being unaware of the subtle changes to their day. Thank you, also to the all our parents to for your support, adapting to the changes.

