

# Newsletter - May 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to **WELCOME** Aubrey and Mason in the Discovery Room, we hope that they have lots of fun joining in with the activities and make many new friends.

We would like to say huge congratulations to Jess and her partner Josh, who welcomed a healthy baby boy called Henry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April at 10.18pm, weighing 7lb 10oz. Both Mummy and baby are doing well.

## Chicks

The chicks (Spaghetti and Noodle) are doing well. They have been cuddling up to each other to keep warm. The children have been keeping them fed and watered as well as helping to clean them out. Did you see them in the Newark Advertiser on the 24<sup>th</sup> April with Abbie E and the children. Once they are big enough we will be looking for a new home for them.



## Healthy Living

A big thank you, to everyone who sent in photos of how they are staying healthy at home. We have seen some lovely activities, including brushing teeth, going on walks, feeding the ducks and learning to ride our bikes. This is fantastic to see. Our winners for each room are Jeevan in the Explorer Room as he looked like he had a great time practicing his yoga and Aaliyah in the Creative Room having great fun showing off her dance moves and brushing her teeth.



The next challenge that we would like to see is you singing a song as you are doing something, such as hair brushing or washing hands. Everyone has been sent a link on their Tapestry account for the song that we have written. You can either copy ours or be really clever and make up your own song. We look forward to seeing them come in. There will be a prize, so get your singing hats on!

Last month we asked to see children in the Explorer Room, drawing a picture of their family, sent in via their Tapestry. The winner was Lyra who drew a lovely picture with lots of beautiful colouring in. From the Creative Room we asked for a picture of you helping at home and the winner was Aria, who helped Mummy with lots of jobs around the house. They both won a £10 voucher to spend at Ernest Banks, Fruit and Vegetable Shop in Balderton. **Fantastic Veg!**

We will also continue to talk about the importance of hand washing with lots of soap and when we need to do so, such as after the toilet, before eating, after sneezing and after handling animals.

## Tapestry

It is lovely to receive pictures on your Tapestry of what the children are doing. This enables us to link the pictures to their development profile, continuing to look at



their next steps. This will allow us to tick off any focuses that they have. Please continue to do this and we can carry on linking them to their development.

### Planning

We are continuing to plan as we would normally for the children in the setting in a monthly cycle. Throughout May we will be looking at **Our Bodies, Staying Safe and Food and Nutrition**. Within this planning we will be looking at our **bodies**, drawing and labelling the parts as well as doing lots of activities involving exercise. We will carry out some of the activities that normally come into nursery such as Yoga and Move It. For **staying safe** we will focus on the idea of crossing the road, looking after ourselves and who we need to call for help. For our **food and nutrition** we will be looking at the foods we can eat to stay healthy as well as preparing some of our dinners and snacks by ourselves. We will keep you posted on what we are doing by asking you to join in with pictures of what you are doing at home also.

### Home Packs



We have had a great response from you all wanting home packs from us. The pictures that we have received of you doing them have been brilliant. We are continuing to do these for you all as you ask for them. If you would like to collect one from nursery then please let us know and we can have it ready on the doorstep for you to collect or we can deliver it if it is on the way home for one of the ladies. These packs have included cutting, shape sorting, numbers, games and puzzles.

### Going to school

If your child has received their place for school, please could you let Rachel know so that she knows which schools that she needs to get in touch with so that we can prepare and share development/transitions files in July .

### Caterpillars

Our caterpillars arrived in the post towards the end of April and we have had great fun observing them and watching them grow. We have read, 'The Hungry Caterpillar,' story sack, looking at all of the different stages. Once they are in their chrysalis we will transfer them into their butterfly Garden so that they can turn into butterflies and we will then feed them with sugar syrup until they are ready to be set free.



### Language Lead

We are continuing to focus on language and how we speak to the children, at nursery and at home. We all need to focus on taking our time, by speaking slowly, being clear on what is said, showing what you are talking about and allowing time for the child to respond, encouraging them to fill in the gaps and start a conversation.

