

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Welcome to another fantastic week at Nursery. The children have been looking at the story of 'Farmyard Hullabaloo' in readiness for our forthcoming trip to the farm. There is lots of excitement building and the children have been discussing which animals we may see at the Farm in a few weeks.



The highlight of this week during an outdoor activity has been 'milking the cows'. Disposable gloves hung over the water tray, filled with water and a tiny hole in each finger gave the children the effect of milking a cow as they squeezed water into the tray

below! The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience of squeezing to gain water and this also enhanced their manipulative and physical skills in the process. Fantastic!



The children have also been using their creativity to make farm animals such as pigs and sheep with a range of materials. We have had some amazing designs from fluffy sheep, to pigs with curly tails!

Summer Show

The children have also begun singing and learning new songs for our forthcoming Summer Show, 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper' which is due to be held on 19th and 20th June at 9:30 am. More details will follow and parents will receive invitations to attend on one of these dates. Due to space and seating capacity, we can only accommodate two adults per child on one of your chosen dates or alternatively, one adult per child on each day.



The children have been busy decorating special invitations for mummies and daddies and we have had some fantastic name writing too!

PE Kit

Can we please remind parents that children will now require their full white PE kit in school on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning. All items should also be named. Thank you.



Royal Wedding Celebrations

There will be a whole school celebration on the field on the afternoon of Friday 18th May. A picnic lunch together with fun activities to celebrate the royal wedding will take place during the afternoon. All children are welcome to join us, therefore if your child usually goes home at lunchtime on this day please let Nursery staff know as soon as possible if you wish to book an extra session so your child can stay and join in the celebrations.

Nursery Trip to Umberslade Farm

Thank you to those parents who will be coming along with us on the trip to Umberslade Farm. Parent helpers will be allocated a couple of children to look after during the day, although they will not be alone with these children as we will be going around the farm in groups. We are sorry we could not accommodate all those who offered to come with us but are very grateful for the kind offer from many parents, so thank you. We plan to leave school at 9:30am on Tuesday 22nd May and we shall return by 3:00pm. Please ensure your child is at Nursery by 9:00 am on this day and send morning snack and water as usual, as we plan to have this before we leave. A packed lunch for all children will be provided by the school. All children should wear the school winter uniform of jogging bottoms which will be more appropriate for this trip, together with trainers. All children will need a coat for the trip. If we are lucky enough to have a warm, sunny day please send a waterproof rather than a winter coat, together with a school cap. An all day sun protector lotion will also need to be applied to children prior to arriving at Nursery. We hope to have a fantastic day!

Forthcoming Dates to Remember

18th May - Royal Wedding Celebrations

22nd May - Trip to Umberslade Farm

19th & 20th June - Nursery Summer Show (More Information to follow)

22nd June - Sports Day (Weather permitting)

26th June - New Parents' Evening for those children transitioning to Reception

28th June - Moving up Day (More details nearer the time)

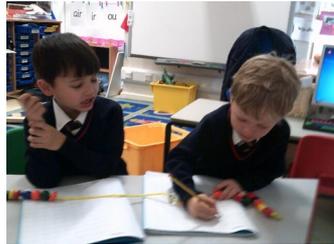
RECEPTION NEWS

Another week has flown by and we have had a great time in Reception. Thanks to all of you who attended the Phonics evening on Tuesday, we hope you found it helpful. Understanding how your child is learning about the very difficult English language is key to helping them and if you missed it we will happily let you have a copy of the presentation from the evening.

The highlight of the week has probably been the story-boxes that the children have worked hard to create. Thank you for sending in shoe boxes. They have been transformed into wonderful story-box scenes for the Traditional Tale Little Red Riding Hood.



In Maths we have been doing addition and the children have been learning how to add three numbers together, eg. $1 + 2 + 3$. We have been very impressed with how they have tackled this and they particularly liked adding the beads on a string to work out number bonds to 10, 15 and 20.



In Literacy, the children have been thinking of describing words and have come up with lovely sentences about key characters in Little Red Riding Hood. It was great that so many children described Little Red Riding Hood as “silly” because she “told a stranger where she was going.” This is a very important message, as subtle as it is, so the children are obviously thinking in a sensible way. We have also been verbally describing the characters and making a game of Guess Who. “She wears a red cloak”, “he is mean” and “she is old and poorly” are some of the clues thought of by the children... can you guess which character’s match the descriptions? This is a great way to encourage your children to broaden their vocabulary...you can adapt it at home to favourite television characters or even family members!

Forest Fun is all about taking our learning outdoors and this week the children hunted for pebbles, rocks and stones and then decorated them to look like characters from Traditional Tales. Fun was had making them and also playing with them as children teamed up to re-tell and act out the familiar storylines.

On top of all this curricular fun, the children have enjoyed their learning environment too...



Reminders: Monday is a Bank Holiday and there will be no school. We will welcome the children back on Tuesday. Please keep an eye on the weather...It is so changeable at the moment but, if it does look to be warm, please send children with a water bottle, sun-cream and sun hat. We wish you a pleasant long weekend.