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Newsletter

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Summer term already and at long last, it seems that the summer is here. I have lots of news for you so here we go...

Firstly, the gala! Gala Day is going to be on Saturday 1st July and our theme this year is Noah's Ark. Gemma is going to be organising a list of animals and we would like you to ask your child which animal they would like to be from the list. We only want 2 of each type for obvious reasons so get in quick if your child has a real favourite! A vehicle has been sorted out for us by some very kind parents and so we are raring to go! The children will be making a masks of their animal to wear on the float but they will need costumes for the day. We will be providing drinks of squash on the float but please ensure that the children have suncream and a hat if the weather is lovely!

Secondly, I'd like to tell you about our revised brilliant website. Ady, Jessica's husband runs a website designing service and is responsible for our wonderful new site. You will be able to see our "Activities at Nursery" sheets there on a monthly basis, view the newsletter, see pictures of the staff and it will be regularly updated with forthcoming events and photos as well as our full Ofsted report. We also have a new prospectus in the form of a mini booklet with up to date pictures of the nursery and have freshened up our logo.

Our new Toddler area has been a tremendous hit. We can now take up to 10 under 2's and are delighted to say that the new partitions are definitely child proof! It has made the integration of the toddlers into the main nursery a lot easier as well as the toddlers can see this whole new world just over their area gates. Incidentally, we do operate a strict waiting list for this area as spaces for babies are very sought after. Any enquiries must go to Emma who is the Head of the Baby & Toddler Rooms.

We do have a new cook at the nursery. Her name is Tina and she is wonderful. We are pleased to see that she has settled in so well and she is a very welcome addition to the team. We also must introduce Claire. Claire is our new probationary Nursery Nurse. She will be working in the Baby Room and also in the main Nursery. Claire has very good experience of working in another private nursery and is very well qualified. She is being

shown the ropes by the rest of the staff and is already very popular with the children. I am sure that you will be happy with the ideas and activities that she is bringing in to the nursery.

The building work has started (at last!). I do apologise in advance for the disruption it is causing at the entrance to the nursery. Our builders are trying their very best to keep their equipment well out of the way of the children but if you could please keep an extra tight hold on their hands while you are entering and leaving the area it would be much appreciated. We hoping to have our house extension finished by the end of July...here's hoping anyway!

The road safety campaign is still ongoing. We do have to wait for another a survey by Doncaster Council to assess the impact of their white lines on the junction of Doncaster Road and Common Lane (which is none!). I would like to thank everybody who came to me and commented on their disbelief that a road safety campaign could attract such negative and downright silly comments from one of the residents of Doncaster Road who wrote in to Tickhill Today and I would like to particularly thank those of you who put pen to paper! Please take the time to write to the Highways Department at Doncaster Council! This crossing is needed by the children, by the elderly, by young mums pushing buggies, by the disabled, by the children who get off the Edlington School bus, by people crossing from the new estates to go to St Mary's School and everyone else who uses this busy main road. Vocal support is great but we need more written support to show that this is not just a campaign backed by 2 people!

And finally, here are some dates for your diary:

[Beautiful Lifestyle Photography](#) will be here on Friday 9th June at 10.30am. If you would like to have your child's photograph taken but they are not normally here on Fridays that is absolutely fine. You just need to bring them in from 10:30am and the photographer will push you to the front of the queue!

[Tickhill Gala](#) is on Saturday 1st July 2006. Floats will be gathering on Wong Lane from 12:30pm for the judges to come and see our winning entry(!).

[Parents Evening](#) will be on Wednesday 5th July from 5:30pm - 7pm. Please see your child's key worker to book an appointment.

[Our Annual Summer Party](#) for the children will be on Friday 14th July. More details to follow!

As always, if you have anything that you would like to discuss with me personally please feel free to come and have a chat! I'm usually lurking about somewhere and if I'm not I'm more than happy to arrange an appointment for you.

