



Newsletter

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Summer is on its way and after a very wet start to this month it does look like we are going to be having some very nice weather from now on! We do have a lot going on at the Nursery this term so here goes!

Firstly, with the warm weather comes my annual request for sunhats and sun cream for your child to use at the Nursery. Old bottles of sun cream from last year will have been disposed of as they do go off. As usual, we will keep the children out of the sun at the hottest times of the day and we will be putting our gazebo up to provide a sheltered outdoor play area.

Our new Nursery Manager, Claire Nicholl will have met you all by now. She has settled in ever so quickly and has brought in some new ideas which are working well in the nursery. We do now have a definite split between the age groups with separate circle times, outdoor play times and activity times. The children do also have communal times and the whole new system is working very well. The children are very focussed and are getting a lot out of their activities.

We will be putting together our annual entry for the Tickhill Gala which is on Saturday 7th July. I would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to Paul & Donna for the loan of their lorry for the 3rd year! Suggestions so far have been towards a Disney theme and also a super-hero theme which, for those of you who know me well, is already making me chuckle at the thought of the costumes I can make John wear! If you have any ideas or would like to help us to put the float together on Friday 6th July, please see Claire or Lisa!

Beautiful Lifestyle Photography will be here on Thursday 7th June from 9:30am. They are the firm who produce the contemporary style of photos which are really popular. If you would like to bring your child in for their photo but are not normally in on a Thursday please see Claire or Lisa who will put your name down on a list. You will be very welcome to come and we will slot you in so that you are not kept waiting for too long! If your child is already here, don't worry about their hair being a mess or faces being dirty! We will make sure that they have had a quick tidy up before they get snapped!

Our annual Parents Evening will be held on Monday 2nd July from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Appointments need to be made with your child's key worker. This is an ideal opportunity to ask about your child's development and there will be written reports given out on the day. Our staff do keep observation records and assessments about every child and will be able to give you a detailed report about their progress. If, for any reason, you cannot attend the Parents Evening, please see your child's key worker to arrange an alternative date.

We will be holding an Open Day at the Nursery on Saturday 4th August 2007. The Nursery will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm with members of staff from the main Nursery, the Toddler Area and the Baby Room available to talk to. There will be information packs and prospectuses for you to take away. If you know of anyone who has expressed an interest in sending their child to the Nursery, please let them know about the open day although we will be advertising the event throughout June and early July!

There have been a few new faces at the Nursery which is great because it helps us with the flow of new ideas and keeping the Nursery on top form. I know that some of you may find it a little unsettling but please be aware that all of our staff are given excellent training both in house and away at training centres. We are very lucky at the Nursery in that our staff turnover is relatively low and staff do not tend to leave to go to another Nursery. Instead they follow a natural progression into other areas of childcare such as becoming a teacher's assistant. The lovely thing is that they always come back to say hello and spend some time with the children - and with the glowing references I give them, so they should!

Well, that's all from me for the moment. Please feel free to come and see me if you have any queries that you would like to discuss. Heres to a lovely summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by the letters 'ue' in a cursive script.