



## Nursery News

### A fond farewell from Nursery!



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents,

We would like to wish all children and families a very happy holidays. It really has been an amazing year and staff are extremely proud of every child and the progress they have made in their development. We would like to say a huge thank you to all families and the support they have given to Nursery over the last year – we really couldn't have made this year a success without you. Your fantastic feedback recently has really touched our hearts with your kind words and all suggestions will be used in our new academic year. Staff have been overwhelmed by the cards, gifts and touching words we have received and we would like to thank everyone for their kindness.

As always we would encourage children to continue with their learning over the holidays and the Reception team have provided children with a holiday bag (this is in amongst children's book bags). The bag is attached with a label which outlines what children can use this for and staff would ask they return this to their new teacher in September.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hill on her semi-retirement this year. She has been an amazing member to the team and plays a huge role in Nursery. She will be missed but we look forward to welcoming her back for the hours she will be with us! We hope she enjoys her extra explore time as we say in Nursery.

### Magic Moments

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016



Thank you to everyone who attended our concert and book sharing opportunity. It was amazing to share all the fun and special memories we have had over the year. We were delighted with how the children sat, smiled and sang – they were a credit to their families. We appreciate you following our request of no mobile phones and would like to share a few photos from both performances.



### Growing in the Garden

Our garden has come into full bloom with the recent sunny weather. The children have enjoyed watching the vegetables grow and most recently digging this up from our patch and observing the huge changes. We have successfully grown broad beans, potatoes and lettuce – we would like to thank those of you who bought some of these and made a donation to Nursery fund. We will invest this back into our vegetable patch next year. We are still awaiting our sprouts, leeks, carrots and pumpkins which will be ready in Autumn. We will send some of these up to the children in their Reception class so they can use these as a learning tool. We hope you enjoy cooking with these and that they taste as good as they look.



### Letters and Sounds

Over the holidays we would encourage children to continue with their letter sounds. The sounds that we have looked at recognising, forming and hearing are...

m a s d t p i n o g c k u b f e l h r j v y  
w sh th z ch qu x ng nk

Children have been looking at hearing initial sounds in words with these letters, e.g. p for pea. They have also looked at hearing rhymes such as win, tin, fin, bin. We have also been blending CVC words, e.g. dog. Adults say the sounds sh-i-p and the children say the word. You can also support your child with their CVC knowledge by using 'Fred Talk', e.g. "Put your rubbish in the b-i-n." We would also encourage that they form letters in messy play based activities. We have listed a few below for you to try outdoors...

- Chalks
- Water pots and paint brushes
- Trays of messy textures – flour, sugar, jelly, cornflour and water, pasta, sand, paint, shaving foam
  - Mud pies in a mud kitchen
- Using natural objects to make pictures, letters and numbers including sticks, stones, leaves etc.
  - Why not use the beach when you are out for a walk
  - Make playdough with your child and then let the fun begin!

### Maths

We would encourage continuing to spot numbers and shapes when out and about, forming them in messy play, counting everyday objects or making pictures with shapes all to support children's developing maths skills. Remember to make this fun and part of your everyday play – even bath time can be a perfect time to count using those ducks!

### Happy Holidays

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we know the Reception team are looking forward to your return in September.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your support this year – we have loved working with you all!  
Mrs Bell, Mrs Groser, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Lowes and Mrs Hill

