



Nursery News

Half Term Holidays!



Wednesday 25th May 2016

Dear Parents,

We would like to wish all children and families a very happy holidays. It really has been a very busy last half term and we hope children enjoy time with their families before returning to Nursery for their last half term before Reception. **To capture what children do over the holiday week each child has been provided with a Holiday Diary sheet to complete, these have been placed inside of children's Book Diary Bags. We ask that you write a brief description of anywhere children visit or what they get up to and this can be accompanied by a photograph or picture the children have drawn. Children will share these in their first session back to Nursery after the holidays.** We will be continuing to move children's learning, skills and interests forward next half term as children have recently began new topics of learning which look set to be exciting. It's set to be a very busy and fun filled time in Nursery. We have listed all important dates for children and their families below.

- **Monday 6th June; INSET Day.** No children in school.
- **Tuesday 7th June; Children return to Nursery/School.**
- **Thursday 30th June; Dance Festival.** Please return your slip to Nursery asap.
- **Friday 1st July; Summer Fayre 3.20pm-5.30pm.** All families welcome.
- **Monday 4th July; Sports Week.** A range of activities through the week – more details to follow.
- **Friday 8th July; Reports to parents.** (Early Reds will be Monday 11th July)
- **Tuesday 12th July; Nursery Concert. Morning and Early Red children only. 10am.**
- **Wednesday 13th July; NURSERY PARTY.** In your child's usual Nursery Wednesday session.
- **Friday 15th July; Nursery Concert. Afternoon and Late Green children only. 2pm.**
- **Wednesday 20th July; SCHOOL FINISHES**

SAFC Fun Day Wednesday 8th June 2016



We would like to offer our sincerest apologies with the cancellation of our trip. We are extremely disappointed for the children and their families who have taken time off work or made arrangements to attend the trip however we would like all family members to attend Nursery to join in with our football and healthy eating fun session. This is an opportunity for you to...

- Help your child learn about healthy eating
 - Meet Samson and Deliah
- Work with the SAFC Foundation of Light coaches in a little dribblers session with your child
 - And hopefully participate in a penalty shoot out

We know that the children would love for you to join us and participate in their play based learning.



Wednesday 6th July Seaburn Beach

As a staff we have decided that we would still love for the children to go out of school and we are looking at having a session at the beach (weather permitting) on Wednesday 6th July (Sports Week – Week 5 of the term). **If the weather permits we will meet families at the beach with the children...**

AM Session (Morning and Early Red Children) 9.30-11.30am
PM Session (Afternoon and Late Green Children) 12.30-2.30pm

It's the opportunity to participate in our sand castle competition and then play at the beach with your child and their friends. We did this last year and it was lots of fun – paddling and playing. All children must be accompanied on the visit. If the visit does not go ahead we will have a normal session in Nursery – children only.

We have sent a letter about this in your child's book diary – please complete and return to staff.

Life Cycles

The children have had a fantastic half term with lots of learning experiences one of which was looking at life cycles. The children were thrilled when 9 of our 10 eggs hatched resulting in 4 girls and 5 boys. Each of the children had the opportunity to hold and interact with the chicks and these photographs have been captured for their learning journeys. We are continuing to keep watch of our tadpoles and caterpillars... we will keep you updated. And a special thanks to Evie's family for the gift of the caterpillars.



Growing in the Garden

We are continuing to develop our garden area and the vegetable patch is continuing to bloom ready for a few hungry mouths.

We have already picked a lettuce and enjoyed this for snack in our homemade Nursery bread today. We have cucumbers, tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, broad beans and carrots growing in the garden to!

The Pumpkin Patch has been prepared this last week with Katie and Thom cutting it back and the new compost has been laid along with the seeds Mrs Goodall has nurtured. We have also began our strawberry planter along with a new herb garden which we will incorporate into the children's snacks and dough next half term. The potatoes are really flourishing and we hope to be able to look at ways of cooking these next term too!

Next half term looks full of goodness and tasty treats already!

Summer 2 Learning

It's set to be another half term filled with a range of opportunities. Learning taking place is based around...

Superheroes

We have been reading a range of stories including Supertato and thinking about what makes someone a hero! We have started to make Superhero potions.

Sunflowers and Measures

Many of the children planted their Easter project and have been bringing in updates. We are looking at height and growth linked with this.

Healthy Living

Children will explore different foods and what we should eat to make us grow healthy and strong.

We will be cooking outdoors using our fire pit – it's going to be great!

The World

Linked in with the upcoming Olympics we will be looking at the world we live in. We will focus on learning about different cultures as well as the host country this year.

Letters and Sounds

Children have continued to enjoy learning their letter sounds with the help of the cbeebies Alphablocks. 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

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.

Maths

We have completed our Number focus weeks with Numbers 1-9 which children have enjoyed. After half term we will be focusing on basic addition and subtraction in practical activities as well as looking at more and less. We will be focusing on using the language involved in...

+ add plus more altogether more
- take away subtract left less

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.

Nursery Fund

Thank you to those of you who continue to support Nursery with your very kind donations. All money has been used to spend on equipment for gardening, cooking and snack ingredients as well as to buy new enhancements in the Nursery indoor environment. Money this term will be supporting our Summer activities. The Nursery Money Box is in the cloakroom and we really would appreciate your contributions as would the children!

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support!
Mrs Bell, Mrs Groser, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Lowes, Mrs Hill and Mrs Cockton

