

# Newsletter

July 2024

We were treated to some lovely warm days in June and it has been great to get out into the sandpit and on walks in the local community. We also enjoyed our Father's day breakfast last month.

Here are some of the highlights from each room:

## Baby Room

We have been enjoying lots of time in the garden, in between rain showers! We made Father's day cards for our Daddies and engaged in lots of creative play with natural and recycled materials. We listened to stories about 'people who help us' as part of this month's topic.

## Toddler Room

The children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite real life superheroes such as firefighters, police officers and doctors. We set up role play areas for the children to pretend to be doctors and dentists. We made handprint firefighter pictures for our display board and played a matching game where we had to match the transport vehicle with the person who uses it.

## Pre-School

As part of our topic 'people who help us', we had plenty of interesting learning opportunities and experiences. In week one, we learned all about firefighters, police officers and crossing patrol officers (lollypop person). We set up a police station in the home corner and enjoyed pretending to be police officers, upholding the law.

During the second week, we looked at doctors, vets and optometrists. We set up a clinic for the dolls and some of the children really got into the character of a paediatrician, which opened some very lovely conversations.

In week three, we pretended to be postal workers and practiced delivering letters to the animals, matching the house numbers with the doors.

In the final week of our topic, we learned about farming and how our food gets from the fields to the supermarkets. This led to a lovely supermarket role play activity, with the children using money to build on their mathematical skills.

## Forest School

The final forest school sessions this term are as follows:

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Group B

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Group A

Sessions will then resume in September and we will be in touch with parents of children moving up to pre-school to let you know which group your child will be in.

**Looking Forward:** The theme for July is: Animals.

## School leavers

It is that time of year again where we say a fond farewell to our pre-school children who are leaving to go to primary school in September. Some of the children have been visiting their new schools and it has been lovely for us to share this experience with them. Every school has a different transition policy and not all have been able to accommodate visits but we will continue

to liaise with them to find the best way of supporting the children. We have been talking about starting school and about the many exciting experiences that they will have to look forward to. If your child seems anxious about the transition, please let their keyworker know.

### **Security**

It is important that we are able to keep track of exactly who is in the building at all times and so we must remind you of the importance of security of the front door.

Please do not follow other parents/carers into the building without letting staff on the intercom know that you are there. Please do not feel bad about asking another parent to wait to be let in, everyone understands that the children's safety is the top priority.

If there is someone waiting to be let in as you are trying to leave, please alert a member of staff.

Whilst children are never left unattended in the hallway, we have had the exit button moved up to eliminate the risk of children learning how to open it themselves.

### **Mobile phone policy**

We would like to remind you that we have a no mobile phones policy throughout the nursery, with the exception of the office and staff room. Mobile phones must not be used for any reason in any area where there are children in the building. This is a very important safeguarding measure in the interests of the children, so please do not be offended if we ask you to put your phone away if we see it. The policy applies to everyone – parents, visitors and staff.

Photographs of children that are taken by staff, for use in observations, are captured using nursery owned tablets only.

If you need to make a call whilst at the nursery, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to let you use the staff room or office.

### **Photographer visit**

The photographer has captured some amazing shots of the children and is currently working on the drafts and codes for you to be able to place orders online. These should be coming home with you shortly.

## **2024 Dates for your diary**

- Monday 12th to Friday 16th August 2024 – Nursery closed for building works
- Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd August – Staff training days (nursery open to staff only)
- Monday 26th August – Bank holiday, nursery closed
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Nursery reopens to children.
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Bank holidays, nursery closed.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas closure.
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – Bank Holiday, nursery closed.

## May to August Menus (week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April was week one)

### Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water
<b>Lunch</b> Cheesy Broccoli Pasta with salad  Selection of fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b> Sausages with mashed potato and mixed vegetables  Banana and custard or fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b> Chicken curry with rice, carrots and broccoli  Poached fruit and custard Fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b> Beef goulash with rice, carrots and cabbage  Selection of fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b> Tuna pasta bake with salad  Semolina pudding Fresh fruit
<b>Tea</b> Vegetable risotto  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Baked beans on toast  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Selection of Sandwiches  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Vegetable soup  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Buttered crumpets  Fresh Fruit

### Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water
<b>Lunch</b> Jacket potato with cheese and beans  Semolina pudding	<b>Lunch</b> Beef hotpot with rice, carrots and broccoli.  Selection of fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b> Macaroni cheese with salad  Banana and custard or fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b> Beef casserole with rice, carrots and cabbage  Selection of fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b> Poached fish with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn  Selection of fresh fruit
<b>Tea</b> Butternut squash risotto  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Cheese toasties  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Vegetable Soup  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Selection of sandwiches  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Rice pudding  Fresh fruit

### Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water
<b>Lunch</b>  Mixed vegetable pasta with Salad  Selection of fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b>  Chicken casserole with rice, carrots and broccoli  Banana and custard or fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b>  Spaghetti Bolognese with salad  Semolina Pudding	<b>Lunch</b>  Vegetable curry with rice  Selection of fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b>  Fish fingers with mashed potatoes, peas and sweetcorn  Rice pudding Fresh fruit
<b>Tea</b> Leek and potato soup  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Selection of sandwiches  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Vegetable risotto  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Cheese on toast  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Pitta pizza  Fresh Fruit

### Week 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<b>Breakfast</b> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water
<b>Lunch</b>  Tuna pasta bake with salad.  Selection of fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b>  Beef casserole, mashed potato and broccoli  Banana and custard or fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b>  Chicken curry with rice, carrot and broccoli  Selection of fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b>  Hot pot with rice carrots and broccoli  Semolina pudding Selection of fresh fruit	<b>Lunch</b>  Fish pie with peas and sweetcorn  Rice pudding Fresh fruit
<b>Tea</b> Butternut squash soup  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Pitta soldiers with cream cheese and peppers  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Buttered crumpets  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Sweet potato and carrot soup  Fresh fruit	<b>Tea</b> Baked beans on toast  Fresh fruit