



Summer 2016



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. We would like to welcome our new families who have recently joined us and who will be visiting over the next few weeks. If you are leaving us this summer we would like to wish you all the very best for the future and for school in September; we would love to receive some photos of the children in their school uniforms! I hope you will all re-join us for the BBQ on Saturday 17th September.

There have been lots of events going on in nursery lately, including our Family day out and Sports day; and we are now beginning to look towards our next events!

Recent events

Parents Committee Family Day

The Parents Sub-Committee held its annual Family Day Out on Sunday 12th June at Wandlebury. The day was great fun, with lots of activities being enjoyed by all including arrow tracking, nature trails and face painting. A special thanks goes out to Kelly and Arash for leading and planning the event this year and for all the families who helped and supported the event on the day!

Consultation Evening

Our annual Consultation Evening took place on Tuesday 28th June and was well attended. I would like to thank you all for joining us and hope you found it useful to spend some time with your child's key person discussing their individual development. If you would like to meet to speak with your child's key person at any time please speak with them and we will arrange a meeting.

Sports Day

Sports day for our older children took place on the afternoon of Friday 8th July on the field next to nursery. The staff team really enjoyed the event with Philippa leading the proceedings, we hope you all did too. There were lots of activities, both traditional; such as the egg and spoon race, obstacle courses and bike races and those which were more group orientated, such as the bubble station, wellie wanging and finding buried treasure. We were very lucky with the weather and were really pleased that so many of you came along and would like to thank you for your lovely puddings and continued support.

Staff News



We are pleased to be able to let you know that **Kate Foster** (Senior in the Pelican room on a Thursday and Friday) gave birth to a baby girl named Jessica on 1st June. George is enjoying being the big brother!

Sian Hemingway (Ducks Senior/Nursery Nurse) and her partner Dan are expecting their first child in September. Sian will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of August and we hope that she can have a rest over the summer. Sian's post is currently being advertised.

Amy Gray (Squirrels Den Senior) and her partner Michael are expecting their first child in the middle of November. We will be looking to advertise for maternity cover in the very near future.



Emma Edwards (Caterpillar Nursery Nurse) and her partner Stephen are expecting their first child at the beginning of December.

We wish everybody well and are looking forward to welcoming lots of new babies to nursery when they visit!

We are delighted that **Sarah Wale** will be returning in September after her maternity leave. Sarah will be working on a Thursday and Friday, replacing **Louise West**, who left to work in a Pre-school closer to home at the end of May. We are delighted that **Ben Smith** has joined us in the interim, working on a Thursday and Friday in Pre-school.

The current staff movement means that we have the opportunity to swap around some staff across the under two's rooms, to spread the number of full time staff more evenly across the Ducklings and Caterpillar rooms and to enable staff to work more collaboratively together. **Claire Window** (Caterpillar Room Senior) is moving to the Ducklings room as Full time Senior throughout Sian's Maternity leave, with **Kayleigh Hoskyn** (Ducklings Senior) and **Rebecca Squires** moving to the Caterpillar room. **Carla Hunt** will also be moving to the Ducklings room from the end of July.

Website

We hope that everyone has now had the opportunity to browse our new website, which launched in April and hope that you will find it informative and useful. If you have any suggestions regarding what else would be useful to know please email Angela Willcox, (our Administrator at the end of the week) who will see if this is possible. We have received lots of lovely feedback so far!

Breakfast Club

If your child is booked into breakfast club we would be really grateful if they arrived before 8.30am if they require breakfast, as the normal nursery day starts at 8.45am, many thanks.

Infection Control Guidance

The nursery, in line with all childcare settings and schools, follows the guidance set by Public Health England with regards to infection control. This guidance also states the period a child must be kept away from the setting should they become unwell. I have attached the guidance from Public Health England for your information.

Parking

Some parents have notified us recently of their concern with regards to parking outside of nursery in the mornings. We appreciate that nursery is very busy at key drop off and pick up times but would be very grateful if cars were not left on the double yellow lines, as pathways must be kept clear so that they can be used by pedestrians (many of whom are children coming to nursery). Many thanks for your understanding and support in this matter.

Nursery Barbeque

The Parents Sub-Committee are currently, in collaboration with nursery, planning and organising this year's barbeque, to be held on 17th September. We will be sending out a letter over the summer giving more details of what will be happening, but activities so far include a disco, entertainer, bouncy castles and lots of fun stalls. It's quite a big event, so if you could help in any way please let us know, it would be much appreciated!

Up and coming dates for your diary

August Bank Holiday – Monday 29th August (Nursery Closed)

Nursery Barbeque – Saturday 17th September

Open Evening – Wednesday 9th November

If you would like newsletters and updates sent to a different email address please contact me at alison.bishop@babraham.ac.uk and I will update our mailing list.

With warmest wishes for a lovely summer,

Alison

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HOLIDAY/ABSENCE FORM

Please complete this form to register holidays or any other periods of absence.

Name of child Base Room

My child will be absent from.....to.....(inclusive)

Signed.....Name.....Date.....

Office use only

Base Room Computer Diary