



March Newsletter 2016



Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well! If this is your first newsletter, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Babraham Nursery. We realise there have been a few letters recently, both for individual rooms and the whole nursery, but we would like to ensure that everyone is up to date with up and coming events and changes within nursery before the Easter break, which is very early this year! But first, we would like to reflect on events that have been happening over the last few weeks.

Becca's head shave in aid of CLIC Sargent

Thank you to everybody who joined us for the Big Breakfast on Wednesday 24th February in aid of CLIC Sargent, who we have been fundraising for in nursery over the last 11 months. Lots of parents stayed to see Rebecca (Ducklings Nursery Nurse) have her head shaved for CLIC Sargent and we have been very touched by everyone's support and kind donations to the charity.

So far, Becca's head shave has **raised an amazing £1817 for CLIC Sargent**. If you would like to see the before and after photos or donate, the information can be found at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Rebecca-Squires1/>

Rebecca sent her hair to the Little Princess Trust to be made into wigs for children who have lost their hair through treatment for cancer.



A really big thank you to everyone!

Nursery Disco

The Parents Sub-Committee held its first nursery disco for some years on Saturday 27th February at Babraham School. We would like to thank everybody who came along and made it such a success; it was lovely to see all the children and babies having fun together with their families. It is certainly something we will look to have again in our annual calendar. A big thank you also to Kelly, who was very busy face painting all afternoon!

Staffing News

We are pleased to be able to let you know that **Kate Foster** (Pelican room Senior) is expecting her second child in May, and will begin her maternity leave at the end of April.



Lizzie Allars returned this week after being on Maternity leave with her second child, Ayla. Lizzie has returned to her previous hours (all day Monday – Thursday) in the Pelican room. **Asa French**, who was covering Lizzie's post, has returned to his permanent position in the Caterpillar room. **Isabel Martinez** has moved to a roving position across nursery.

Helen Bonham will be returning in April, after having baby Olivia in July. Helen will return to a morning position within nursery.

Staff training day

As previously mentioned by letter, Babraham Nursery will be closed on **Friday 1st July 2016** for staff training. This is the one opportunity throughout the year when the whole staff team is able to get together for training

purposes. We place a high importance on formal training and continual professional development of our staff team. All of our staff are either qualified to at least Level 3 or currently undertaking training to reach this level and regularly attend training sessions which are suitable for their interests and for the children with whom they work. All staff undertake three yearly Paediatric First Aid training and four of our staff additionally have current First Aid at Work training. Individual staff attend training sessions throughout the year to build on their knowledge. NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS DAY.

BHSC Easter Egg Hunt

The Babraham Sports and Social Club will be holding their annual Easter egg hunt on **Easter Sunday** (27th March) at 10.30 am. The event costs £2.00 per child to join and all children are welcome (maximum age 12 years). If you would like to book a place please email Jonah at jonah.jones@babraham.ac.uk

Dragon Hunt

The Dragon Hunt, organised by the Parent Sub-Committee, will be taking place on **Saturday 23rd April** in the morning, here at the nursery. All children are invited to attend with their parents; we will be decorating bags and searching for dragons in the woods. More details will follow nearer the time.



CI Photography

CI Photography will be visiting the nursery on **Wednesday 11th May** in the morning to take group photographs of all the children. Any children who do not usually attend on this day are very welcome to come in for the photographs. More information and timings will be available closer to the date.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are currently collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers at nursery. In the past we have used the vouchers to buy outdoor equipment and resources for use within the rooms. Our collection box is located within our reception area. Many thanks for your support!

Illness at nursery procedure

If a child becomes unwell during the day a member of staff from the child's room will telephone their parents to make them aware of the situation and discuss what action to take. We may sometimes suggest trying some medicine, such as Calpol, or we may at other times ask a parent to pick their child up – this is really dependent upon the individual child and symptoms/illness. The staff are unable to look after children who are unwell and unable to cope with the nursery day – by this we mean children who are either infectious (for the health and safety of everyone), with fevers that we are unable to reduce with medication, or when children are unable to join in with normal nursery activities due to generally feeling unwell for a variety of reasons. We always follow the 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings' from Public Health England, which is available online, with regards to time required away from nursery and action to take.



Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated; these measures are for the benefit of everybody who attends the nursery.

Website update

Our new website is very close to completion and we anticipate it will be up and running by the beginning of April. We asked for the website to be more of a place where we can share information, rather than be a marketing tool for prospective parents. The new site will use the same web address babraham.nursery@babraham.ac.uk and is very interactive in its design. We will also be able to independently update it regularly to include what's going on in nursery. We will notify you when it 'goes live' via email.

Update of information

Angela will soon be sending out to every family a copy of the details that we currently hold on our database for each of our children. This is to ensure we have the correct information, such as telephone numbers to contact you in the case of an emergency. Please could we ask that you return these forms, even if there are no changes, just so we know that all the details we hold on our database remain correct and up to date.

Dates for your diary

Good Friday – Friday 25th March – Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)

Easter Monday – Monday 28th March – Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)

Dragon Hunt – Saturday 23rd April

Consultation Evening – Tuesday 28th June 2016

Staff Training Day – Friday 1st July - Nursery Closed

Sports Day for Squirrels, Pelicans and Pre-school children – Friday 8th July

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.

Kind regards,

Alison

Nursery Manager

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