



March Newsletter 2017



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. Our spring lambs are photos taken from a room trip to Church Farm last week. Today the nursery is enjoying a lovely sunny day and the children have all been enjoying the sunshine. Now that Spring is on the way we will soon be looking to begin to grow vegetables in our Polly tunnel for the summer. With lots of events coming up we would like to ensure you are all kept up to date; but first, we would like to reflect on events that have been happening over the last few weeks.

Nursery Disco

The Parents Sub-Committee held its disco on Saturday 25th 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. Philippa and I were very busy face painting all afternoon, and we are now pleased to report much faster at the job!

Staffing News



We would like to welcome **Vikki Brew** and **Eadie Fletcher** to our staff team. Vikki, who previously worked in our Fun Pack and at another nursery, joins us as a permanent Nursery Assistant within the Caterpillar room. Eadie joined us at the beginning of March as a temporary Nursery Assistant in the Pelican room. Both Vikki and Eadie are working in full time roles. **Joanne Daily** will be joining our team from the beginning of April, working as a part time Nursery Nurse in the Caterpillar room.

We also have two new staff in the kitchen; **Faye Garrett** and **Nicky Holmes**. Faye and Steve Woolmer now job share the Cook's position with Nicky working full time alongside them both.

We are pleased to be able to let you know that **Amy Gray** (Senior in the Squirrels Den) gave birth to a baby girl named Poppy before Christmas and she has been into nursery to visit us all. **Emma Edwards** (Caterpillar room Nursery Nurse) and her partner Stephen also welcomed baby Matthew at the end of 2016.

Sarah Wale's last day before taking Maternity Leave will be 24th March 2017; we are looking forward to meeting Darcey's new sibling. Pre-school and Pelicans will be having a slight change around of staff when Sarah begins Maternity Leave; with **Clare Atkinson** and **Dee Franklin** swapping rooms and **Ceri Smith** and **Ben Smith** returning to Pre-school. The staff in the room will be Dee/Alison (I will be in the room until Kate Foster returns from Maternity), Gill and Ceri/Ben.

Under two's garden area

We are very lucky to have such a spacious garden at nursery, with an area of the woods enclosed. However, we realise that it is a very large space for our youngest children so we have been developing a small, enclosed, under twos space outside, behind the Pre-school room. This will enable our younger



babies and toddlers have their own quiet space to gain their confidence outside and it will offer shelter in winter and shade in the summer. We have already had a roof erected for the area and today we have been having the soft surface laid ready for use (this was the works ongoing in the car park this morning).

We are really excited by this development and hope that the garden will be in full use by the end of the month. The flooring and shelter will mean that the area can be accessed and enjoyed by the children whatever the weather!

Staff training day

As previously mentioned by letter, Babraham Nursery will be closed on **Friday 7th July 2017** for staff training. This is the one opportunity throughout the year when the whole staff team is able to get together for training purposes. This year our training will include training around specific age groups and we will all be taking part in an interim Paediatric first aid refresher course. All staff undertake three yearly Paediatric First Aid training and four of our staff additionally have current First Aid at Work training, however 3 years is a long time. We place a high importance on formal training and continual professional development of our staff team and individual staff attend training sessions throughout the year to build on their knowledge. **NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS DAY.**

Dragon Hunt

The Dragon Hunt, organised by the Parent Sub-Committee, will be taking place on **Saturday 22nd 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 can be found on the attached poster.



CI Photography

CI Photography will be visiting the nursery on **Wednesday 10th 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.

Sainsburys Vouchers

We are currently collecting Sainsburys 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!



Calpol

At nursery we will give medicine such as Calpol during the day if there is a need for this, for instance if a child has a high temperature or is teething. We would be really grateful if you are signing a form in the morning to give such medication (e.g. Calpol, Nurofen or similar) that you ensure that your child has their own medicine with them or already at nursery. Nursery does have a bottle of Calpol, but this for emergency rather than daily use. Your help would be very much appreciated!

Parking

We realise that parking at peak times can be difficult at nursery, and now that the evenings are getting lighter families may well be beginning to stay longer at nursery, playing on the field. We would be grateful if you could take care when parking and also when leaving the nursery with your child, as although this is a relatively quiet area, it does get quite congested at key times of day. Your assistance would be very much appreciated by all, thank you.

Update of information

We 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 14th April – Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)

Easter Monday – Monday 17th April – Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)

Dragon Hunt – Saturday 22nd April

Consultation Evening – Tuesday 27th June

Staff Training Day – Friday 7th July - Nursery Closed

Sports Day for Squirrels, Pelicans and Pre-school children – Friday 14th July in the afternoon

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.....

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Base Room



Computer



Diary

