



# Summer 2017



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 16<sup>th</sup> September.

There have been many 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 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Cherry Hinton Hall Park. The day was well attended with lots of activities being enjoyed by all. Thank you to all families that attended and supported the event.

### **Consultation Evening**

Our annual Consultation Evening took place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 at any time you would like to arrange a meeting with your key worker or take their individual file home to look at please speak to your keyworker.

### **Sports Day**

Sports day for our older children took place on the afternoon of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 many 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 pleased that so many of you came along and would like to thank you for your continued support.

## Staffing News



We would like to welcome **Zoe Mason** and **Chloe Van Wijk** to our team. Zoe, has a degree in Childhood studies and her previous experience includes; working in a school as a one to one supporting a child with additional needs and being a Summer school room leader. Chloe Van Wijk joins us as a Level 3 Nursery Nurse, before joining us Chloe worked as Nursery Nurse for 3 years and has had experience as a Nanny. Both Chloe and Zoe join us as rovers, working on a part time basis.

We have said good bye to **Chyanne Dunne** and **Sacha Mears** who have left nursery to pursue a career outside of the early year's sector. We wish them all the best in the future. In August we will also be welcoming **Ellesha Prince** as a Nursery assistant who will be taking on Chyanne's role in the Squirrels den. **Helen Bonham** has permanently moved to the Duckling room to cover Sacha's post of mornings.

**Sian Hemingway** who has been on Maternity leave since August 2016 has decided not to return to Babraham Nursery; instead, she will be working in a nursery much closer to home. We wish her all the best in her new Job.

We are pleased to announce that **Eadie Fletcher**, who has been working in the Pelican room, will be staying with us on a permanent basis.

For the coming months, I will be working alongside Philippa as a temporary Deputy Manager whilst continuing to work as the Caterpillar room Senior. Please do not hesitate to pop in and see me if you have any queries regarding Caterpillars or Nursery.



### 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.



### **Nursery BBQ**

The Parents Sub-Committee are currently, in collaboration with nursery, planning and organising this year's barbeque, to be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. We are very much looking forward to another fun filled day, including; Bouncy castles, face painting, ice cream van, our raffle and much more. A BBQ newsletter will be coming your way very shortly with some more details! It is quite a big event so if you could help in any way please let us know, it would be much appreciated!

### **Dress up and bring a bottle day**

We will be holding a Dressing up day at Nursery on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. You are invited to bring your children in fancy dress and bring a bottle or jar filled with goodies (e.g. sweets, pencils. Crayons etc.) These will then be used for the bottle stall at the Nursery BBQ.

### **Late collection**

Unfortunately, we have had a number of late collections recently, which means staff are unable to give you feedback on your child's day. Please remember that the Nursery closes at 5.45pm Monday – Thursday and 5.15pm on a Friday. If for any reason, you are going to be unexpectedly late a call is always appreciated.



### **Building works**

We are excited to announce that from September some building works will be undertaken to create a new easily accessible bathroom area for the Squirrels Den and Pelican room. These works will also expand the floor space within the Squirrels room. We are working closely with the building contractors and BCE to ensure minimal disruption to the children, families and rooms. More information will follow; alternatively, if you have any queries do not hesitate to raise them with Philippa, Alison or myself.

### **Dates for your diary**

Nursery BBQ – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Open evening – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas play – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

If you would like newsletters and updates sent to a different email address please contact me at [babraham.nursery@babraham.ac.uk](mailto:babraham.nursery@babraham.ac.uk) and I will update our mailing list.

Kind regards,

Claire

**Deputy Nursery Manager**

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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.....  
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