



Spring 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter. We would like to welcome our new families who have joined us at nursery over the last few months. We have recently updated our website with two links, one is a guide for parents on the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the other is around ideas for activities to carry out with young children. I have added the links below for your information.

What to Expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage: a guide for parents

https://thenursery.babraham.org.uk/files/4416/4856/1194/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-a_guide_for_parents.pdf

50 things to do in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough before you're five

<https://cambspboro.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>

Many of our Policies and Procedures can also be found on our website, or alternatively, we can send individual policies to you on request. Our website link is <https://thenursery.babraham.org.uk/>

Covid-19 and changes to symptomatic testing

This morning we have received a brief update on the changes to current CV-19 testing and isolation procedures from the Department for Education (DfE), which will come into effect tomorrow.

The update states, that from Friday April 1st 'children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend'.

Once we receive more information or guidance we will let you know, but from tomorrow this is the approach that will be followed at nursery, in line with the update from the DfE.

Once we have received all the information (we expect more will be forthcoming when documents are updated) we will also begin to look at our current measures that are in place. We are very hopeful that we may be able to look at having an outdoor event take place this summer, such as a celebratory BBQ or similar activity. We have missed not being able to offer the events that we did Pre-Covid 19 and are hopeful that somethings may return this year!

Ofsted

We would like to thank you for all your kind congratulatory messages after our recent Ofsted inspection announcement; we shared your lovely messages with the staff team at our most recent (virtual) staff meeting. The report can also now be found online or via a link on our website. As we have already said,

we are extremely delighted to again be awarded the rating of 'Outstanding' across all areas of our provision. We are very pleased that the inspection reflects the ongoing progress of nursery to continually develop and grow for all and recognises that our 'children are exceptionally confident and thrive in practitioners nurturing care'. The inspector gave feedback that it was virtually unheard of to be awarded 'Outstanding' for a fourth time and that it was evident that we 'never let the grass grow under our feet'; that everyone is continually reflecting on practice and looking at ways we can improve our provision further.

General Infection Control Guidance

Babraham Nursery, in line with all childcare settings and schools, follows the guidance set by the UK Health Security Agency (formerly Public Health England) with regards to general infection control. This guidance also states the period a child should be kept away from the setting should they become unwell. Your support in following these procedures is greatly appreciated, as this minimises the risk of spreading general infections in nursery to other children in nursery and to our staff team. Please follow the link for the latest guidance:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/789369/Exclusion_table.pdf

Staffing



We are delighted to welcome **Teresa Wilkinson** to our team, as our job share Administrator with Angela. You may well have already either spoken to her on the telephone or via email.

Teresa usually works at the end of the week, with Angela working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings.

Eleni Roads who was previously a Nursery Deputy and based in Butterflies and Explorers stepped down from her current role to have more family time. Eleni has made a huge impact on nursery, the children, staff and our families and we are very much looking forward to Eleni re-joining us at Nursery for lunch cover from May. **Dee Franklin** is currently taking a leave of absence from nursery, but is expected to return later on in the year. **Hanna Saltmarsh**, who returned from Maternity leave in March, will be taking on the role of Senior within the Explorers room on a full-time basis. Hanna has lots of experience within the Pre-school room, and she also previously worked as Maternity cover Senior within the Caterpillars. I'm sure many of you remember Hanna from previous rooms.

We are delighted to inform you that **Chelsea Brinkley** has recently taken on the role of Nursery Deputy, Chelsea will remain largely room based in Butterflies, but will be assisted in Butterflies by **Chloe Griggs**, who will be taking on the role of Senior on a temporary basis. Chelsea joins Claire in the Deputy role, along with Philippa, who is also our Fun Pack Manager. As Deputies, Claire supports the Ducklings Senior and oversees the under twos rooms, whilst Chelsea supports the other Seniors downstairs and oversees the downstairs groups, Butterflies and Explorers.

We are very pleased to have recently welcomed **Natasha Pickard** and **Joanne Wells** to our team as Nursery Assistants. **James**, our Kitchen Assistant, has decided to find work closer to home and **Maria**,

(Nursery Assistant in Caterpillars) has a new job away from childcare, we wish them well in their new endeavours.

We are currently in the process of recruiting three new staff members, two qualified Nursery Nurses and a new Kitchen Assistant. We are currently in the process of working with HR through our recruitment procedures and checks and look forward to them joining us in the near future.

Parents meetings

We hope that you have recently enjoyed taking part in our virtual parent meetings, and that you found them informative and helpful. The key persons enjoyed having the opportunity to speak individually to parents, away from the drop off and collection times. Covid 19 has brought many changes to our usual working practices, and we feel that this was a positive step forward, and worked better (apart from a few technical issues at times) than the evening in person meetings. We hope that you found this too.

Dates for your diary

Bank Holiday closures – Friday 15th April and Monday 18th April 2022 (Good Friday and Easter Monday), Monday 2nd May, Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June 2022.

Friday 1st July 2022: Nursery Closed for Staff Training Day (no fees will be charged for this day).

If you would like to contact me, give feedback or have a general discussion, please feel free to call me on 01223 496200 or email using the address below. If you would like newsletters and updates to be sent to a different email address, please email alison.bishop@babraham.ac.uk and I will update our mailing list.

Kind regards,

Alison

Head of Nursery and Fun Pack

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diary	<input type="checkbox"/>
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