

Summer Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. We would like to welcome our new families who have joined us at nursery over the last few months. As mentioned in our spring newsletter, there are some new links on our website, 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 Illnesses

Just as a reminder our current guidance from the UK Health Security Agency (formerly Public Health England) has not changed since the Spring. Children with mild cold like symptoms such as a runny nose are welcome to attend nursery. However, children should not attend nursery if they have a high temperature, a respiratory infection or Covid-19. Children who test positive for Covid-19 on a lateral flow test must remain at home and should not come to nursery for three days, after the day of the test (day zero is the day of the positive test). Babraham Nursery, in line with all childcare settings and schools, follow current advice set by the UK Health Security Agency with regards to general infection control, this is to minimise the spread of infection within nursery. For further information on common childhood illnesses and their exclusion periods, please follow this link, [Exclusion table - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/exclusion-table) (www.gov.uk)

Staffing



We are delighted to welcome **Charlie Wilson, Vic Jackson-Griggs and Erin-Claire Megson**. Charlie and Erin-Claire have joined us as Nursery Nurses and Vic is working in the kitchen as our new Kitchen Assistant. **Charlotte Biggins**, our new nursery Apprentice will be joining us from Monday 22nd August. She will be in Nursery four days per week and will have one day per week at college. Charlotte will be spending blocks of time with each of the age groups to gain her qualification.

Over the summer Janet Else will sadly be leaving us for a job closer to home, in her local school, we wish her the very best of luck. We will be recruiting for Janet's post over the summer.

Nursery Garden

Butterflies and Explorer's are now once again sharing their garden space, this has opened up lots of new areas for the children to experience and explore. For example, the Butterflies have had a wonderful time digging in the big sand pit and using the climbing frame that was previously in the Explorers side of the garden. Whilst the Explorers children are thrilled to have the freedom to freely use the woods and natural areas during free flow. Lots of messy play opportunities are available in our large nursery garden as well as the opportunity for children to physically challenge themselves.

The under-two's garden continues to be thoroughly enjoyed, particularly first thing in the morning before it gets too hot. The children continue to enjoy the mud kitchen, messy play activities, mini gym and stories.

Summer Activities

Recently, Explorers have had a very busy time with some lovely family activities, Father's Day was celebrated with a special ploughman's style tea which many of the room's Dads attended. The children were thrilled to spend tea time with their Dad's in the nursery garden. Explorers have also just had a fantastic water themed Sports Day which included water play stations alongside some traditional races. The children especially enjoyed the water fight and were delighted to soak the grown-ups! Finally, at the end everyone finished the day with tea together on the field. Graduation in Explorers was also a successful event, which was a lovely way to begin to say goodbye to this year's 2022 Pre-school leavers.



Butterflies are currently planning for a summer family picnic and the under-two's are organising their next singing session, the details for both events will be shared with you on Blossom.

Special Events

When attending special events with the children at nursery, you are welcome to take photos and recordings to mark and remember the event, we realise these are really precious times. However, please refrain from posting images and recording of nursery events onto social media. This to safeguard children's privacy. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Pre-school Explorers

It is at this time of year that we begin to say goodbye to our oldest children in nursery. The children have all had a busy year experiencing exciting activities and preparing for school. The whole nursery wishes all of the Explorer children lots of luck and every success in their new schools.

Driving on The Close

Please be aware that the speed limit for The Close is 10mph. Lots of nursery and local children play near nursery and around The Close and we have had reports that there are a number of cars exceeding the speed limit at drop-off and collection times. We would be really grateful for your support in keeping The Close as safe as possible by maintaining the speed limit.

Dates for your diary

Bank Holiday closures – Monday 29th August

Christmas: Nursery will close for the Christmas period on Friday 23rd December at 5.15pm and we reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

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 & Philippa

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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