

Summer Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer edition of our Nursery Newsletter, we hope that this email finds you all well. We would also like to welcome our new families who have joined us at nursery since our last newsletter.

It has been wonderful to be able to begin welcoming some of the children back to nursery and we all hope that we can continue with our phased return. Like schools and other settings, we look forward to receiving further information from the Department for Education of when we will be allowed to fully reopen. We are very much looking forward to getting back to usual at nursery when we can.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past few months and whilst we are in our phased return. We realise this is an unusual time and nursery is slightly different whilst we are operating under our restrictions. Every day we are adapting what we do as we receive new information and we thank you for your continued patience. Please remember that **our current session times are 8.45-12.45 and 1.45-5.45/5.15** (Fridays), it is very important that you leave enough time to collect your child as the break between sessions enables thorough cleaning and the staff to have their breaks. We apologise for the need to queue and the more lengthy drop-offs and collections, this is currently unavoidable with the necessary social distancing measures. We therefore suggest, that you arrive at least 10 minutes before the end of the session to collect your child whilst these sessions are in place.

Training day

As discussed in previous newsletters, displayed on the notice board and in our terms and conditions; **Babraham Nursery will be closed on Friday 3rd July 2020** (as the first Friday in July) **for staff training**. This is the one opportunity throughout the year when the whole staff team is able to get together (socially-distanced) for training purposes. Please note, no fees will be charged for this day.

Nursery Barbeque



This year our annual nursery BBQ was due to go ahead on Saturday 12th September, this has sadly been cancelled for safety reasons. This is particularly unfortunate as Nursery is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. We hope to hold an alternative event to mark the occasion in another way, information of which will be shared at a later date.

Nursery Events

We are sadly unable to hold our usual events, such as, our Consultation evening, Sports Day or the Family Fun Day during to the current Covid-19 situation. For some events, such as the Explorers Leaving Party/Graduation and Sports Day we will hold smaller (children only) events for the children to experience in their room session groups.

Facebook

We hope that you have enjoyed all of the recent Facebook activities that the



staff have been uploading to the closed parent Facebook group. If you would like to join, please search for Babraham Nursery: Babraham Nursery Home Learning Activities and



request to join the group. We aren't posting as frequently now we are in the phased return. However, I'm sure the children will still enjoy looking back at past activities and stories.

New Menu

We introduced a new menu from Monday 8th June for the summer; please find this attached for your information. These menus have been carefully planned to ensure they fully encompass the 'Eat Better, Start Better Voluntary Guidelines for Early Years settings', developed by the Children's Food Trust. We hope the children will enjoy trying the new foods on our menu, and also the returning favourites. Should you need to update any dietary or allergy information for your child, please email nursery.



Nursery Reports

In June we would normally be sending out reports to all of our Nursery Children. As we have been unable to see or observe the majority of children we will delay sending out the children's reports. For those children who resumed coming from June, their reports will be sent at the end of July.

Children from essential working families who have continued to attend Nursery will receive their reports in June as usual.

All new children to nursery and children who resume their attendance in July onwards will receive their report in October. If you would like an update once your child has settled back into nursery I am sure that your child's key worker will be happy to share their observations with you.

Staffing

The staff unable to currently work in Nursery are missing the children and are looking forward to seeing them soon. You may wish to see if your child's key worker has done a Facebook upload.

Alison and Claire continue to enjoy their maternity leave. As you may already know, Alison's son, Teddy and Claire's daughter, Ava are both doing very well and were born within a day of each other at the beginning of February.

Unfortunately, Jordan Perrin from Caterpillars left Nursery in March, Jordan enjoyed being at Nursery but felt that her commute was too long. Once we are fully open, we are looking forward to welcoming Georgina Hamilton back to Nursery following her Maternity Leave. Georgina will be working within Explorers on Thursdays and Fridays alongside Sharon and Nicola.

Funding for 3 and 4 year olds

May I please take this opportunity to remind families who are in receipt of the extended entitlement for early years funding, that their code from HMRC must be validated every three months in order for the funding to continue. Unfortunately, if a code is not revalidated by the parent with HMRC within the timeframe set by HMRC, the HMRC will withdraw the funding. Unfortunately this system is beyond our control.

If your child turns three this term (before 31.8.20) and you think you may be eligible for the extended entitlement, please ensure you are in receipt of an eligibility code from the HMRC, in preparation for September.

The Explorers

It is at this time of year that we begin to say goodbye to our 'big' Explorers. We know that this last few months have been quite different, however, we are confident that all Explorers will settle well into their school lives. If you would like us to share reports with your child's new school please remember to complete and return the leavers letter which was sent out recently. This letter also provides you with the opportunity to inform us of your child's last day and enables you to register your interest in Fun Pack Holiday Club, in preparation for October half term. If you missed the letter, please get in touch. Once your child has started school we always enjoy learning about how they're getting on and love to see photos of them in their uniforms!

If you would like to contact me, give feedback or have a general discussion, please do call the nursery or send an email to the address below. Unfortunately I am unable to hold in person meetings at this time. If you would like newsletters and updates to be sent to a different email address, please email me philippa.beeby@babraham.ac.uk and I will update our mailing list.

Kind regards,

Philippa

Acting Head of Nursery

Babraham Nursery **HOLIDAY/ABSENCE FORM**

Please complete this form to register holidays or any other periods of absence.

Name of child: Normal days of attendance:

Base Room:

My child will be absent from.....to..... (inclusive)

Signed.....Name.....Date.....

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) & TRAVEL

WHERE ARE YOU TRAVELLING TO?

DUE TO GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING TRAVEL, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILD MAY NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE ON RETURNING TO THE UK FROM A HOLIDAY ABROAD. PLEASE REFER TO THE GOVERNMENT WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAVEL AND ISOLATION RULES DURING THE PANDEMIC.

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