

Spring Newsletter 2019

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. We hope that we have now seen the last of the snow, however, the children really enjoyed spending time in the garden looking at the marks made by the birds and by their own wellie boots and hands.

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 News

On 6th March we celebrated **World book Day** at nursery, with lots of children dressing up. We had a special tea, with the downstairs children having themed tables at tea of their favourite stories. The children acted out stories over the day and Pre-school went for a bear hunt in the woods.



On Monday 18th March the Squirrels den, Pelican room and Pre-school enjoyed a visit from the **Metropolitan police**. The children enjoyed exploring the police car, sitting behind the wheel and the flashing lights and sirens. The policemen came inside to talk about what they do and talked to the older children about stranger danger.



In February we celebrated the **Chinese New Year** across nursery. Each room shared a special tea and some of our families brought foods from home to share with the children. The Squirrels den and

Pelican room prepared a special tea for all to enjoy. We would like to thank all the families across nursery who helped us celebrate the Year of the Pig across nursery.

Finally, to celebrate **Science week**, Pre-school was visited by some scientists from the Institute. They loved dressing up in the lab coats and taking part in experiments that they brought with them. We everybody that came along for the afternoon.



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We are looking forward to more exciting activities that will be happening over the coming months, including first aid sessions in May for our Pre-school group.

Nursery Disco

The Parents Sub-Committee held its disco on Saturday 9th March at Babraham School. We would like to thank everybody who came along and made it such a success; everyone seemed to be having a lovely time and it was wonderful to see all the children and babies having fun together with their families. It was a great opportunity to see parents that are not always able to come to nursery during the week and also siblings too! We hope you enjoyed the event and the yummy treats that were made by the committee and the kitchen at nursery.

Outdoor growing area

We are currently in the process of having our growing area at the bottom of the garden completely renovated; the old pollytunnel has been removed and a new hard base has been added to the whole fenced area, to stop our continual battle with the roots of the woodland area behind. A new pollytunnel will be erected over the coming weeks, along with new outside and inside raised beds for the children to use to grow vegetables in. We can't wait to begin to fully use the pollytunnel and growing beds again, and we hope the children will have grown lots of vegetables to cook with by the summer! We would like to thank you for your support; the money raised from nursery Sub-Committee fundraising events including the disco, BBQ and dragon hunt is being used to renovate both of the shared spaces, for all the children to enjoy.

Staff training day

As previously mentioned, Babraham Nursery will be closed on **Friday 5th July 2019** for staff training. 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. Staff continually attend training and conferences, during the week, in the evening and on Saturdays. Staff training day is the one opportunity throughout the year when the whole staff team



is able to get together for training purposes in normal working hours. Like last year, we will be having external trainers in for the day from the County Council, who offer bespoke training opportunities. Last year our day concentrated on different pedagogical approaches to early years across the world and the development of continuous provision. This year we will be looking at the STEPS approach to positive behaviour management. **NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS DAY.**



Illnesses

As you may be aware, we have had some illness at nursery recently, with some children and staff becoming unwell. We are working to minimise the risk to others and with this in mind, I will attach the current Health Protection exclusion periods table to this newsletter. These timescales are set by Public Health and are designed to minimise the risk to other children (and staff). If your child is unwell in the day, we will let you know at the earliest opportunity, and if necessary, we will ask you to collect your child. Unfortunately, despite continual cleaning, viruses are easily spread, and we must therefore strictly adhere to the protocols and exclusions set by Public Health. We would like to thank you for your continued support in this matter, hopefully the colds, chicken pox and sickness bugs will soon be eliminated!

Attendance at other settings

We are aware that whilst many children only spend time at our nursery, a few children also attend other early year's settings (including childminders) across the week. In order for us to support each child's development, we would really like to be able to share information with the other setting. However, we require parental permission in order to be able to do this. Therefore, if your child attends another setting, we would be grateful if you could complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to nursery.

Collection at the end of the day

We are aware that collection time can often be very busy, especially towards the end of the day. If you would like feedback on your child's day, or a discussion with the team/key worker please ensure you arrive between 5.30-5.45pm Monday –Thursday and before 5.15 pm on Fridays. Nursery promptly closes at 5.45pm Monday-Friday and 5.15pm on Fridays and the staff would really appreciate your support in maintaining this. Thank you!

Dragon Hunt

The Dragon Hunt, organised by the Parent Sub-Committee, will be taking place on **Saturday 27th 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, knights, princesses and castles in the woods. More details can be found on the attached poster. We hope you can join us for this event!



CI Photography

CI Photography will be visiting the nursery on **Wednesday 8th 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.

Dates for your diary

Dragon Hunt – Saturday 27th April

Consultation Evening – Tuesday 2nd July

Staff Training Day – Friday 5th July - Nursery Closed

Sports Day for Squirrels, Pelicans and Pre-school children – **Wednesday 17th July** in the afternoon

Open evening – Wednesday 6th November

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

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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.....

Office use only

Base Room

Computer

Diary

Information Sharing

Please complete this form and return it to the office if your child attends another early years setting, Thank you.

Child's name.....

Other settings which my child attends.....

Address/email of other setting.....

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I give/do not give permission for Babraham Nursery to share information with the above named setting/s which my child attends regarding their learning, development and interests.

Signed..... Date.....