



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to our August Newsletter

It has been a fun filled month with the highlight being our sports day and farm visit.

The children were very excited when practising for the sports day and were extremely well behaved on the day.

We walked over to Kidwell's Park where we took part in a variety of races which the children did in relays. We had four teams, Red, Blue, Green and Yellow. All the children took part and in some cases, with the help of their parents. The scores were added up with the Red team being the overall winners. Each team member was presented with a medal and the winning team were presented with the 'Positive Steps Sports Day Cup' which is now proudly displayed in the foyer.

After all our hard work, we returned back to the Nursery to visit the mobile farm and enjoy a well earned barbeque. We would like to thank everybody who helped to make the day as enjoyable as it was either by providing food or helping with the races and especially all those parents and grandparents who took part in the parent's races. The children loved cheering you all on!!!



Three cheers for the Red Team!!

## Farm Visit

We were extremely fortunate that the rain held off for our farm visit. The babies and toddlers were able to visit the animals while the pre school children were taking part in their sports day. They enjoyed looking at the animals and some of them were brave enough to touch them. We had a lot of different animals including a pony, donkey, calf, turkey, lambs, geese and ducklings. Thank you to all the parents who took part, the whole day was a great success.



See, it doesn't bite!

## Parents evening

We would like to thank all parents who were able to attend Parents evening and thank you for returning the follow up questionnaire. If you were unable to attend, please see your child's key person who will book a time convenient for both of you to go through your child's development folders.

## Babies

Welcome to Sophia and Isabella who have joined the Nursery this month. They have all

settled in well and are now part of the family! This month we have been focusing on textures for our activities and have been using a variety of objects. We had water play with water balloons which we filled and placed on a tray for the babies to explore. They were able to hold the balloons and squash them. Fortunately they did not all pop!

We have also experienced different textures using food. The babies loved to feel the flour on their hands and make patterns in it as well mixing it with other ingredients. We used oats that they could feel on their feet between their fingers and pick up in their hands. Sometimes it made it to their mouths.



Is this what we have for breakfast?

We are still enjoying our trips to the sensory zone. In the rooms, we are able to look at the lights and bubble light tubes while crawling along the soft mats. There are lights that we can hold and lots of knobs and buttons to press on various activities. Sometimes we like to laugh at ourselves in the mirrors.



If I press this, what will happen?

Please can we remind parents to label all the babies clothes. The babies will often help tidy up the room and put clothes away. Unfortunately, not always in the correct drawers!!!

### Older babies

Welcome to Archie and Anya who have joined the Nursery and to Vivaan who has come though from baby room.

We have been making the most of the sunny weather and taking a lot of the activities outside.

We have played with water and sand and have enjoyed mark making using paint, water with paintbrushes, crayons and chalks. We have chalk boards and mirrors outside in the garden which we use to examine our reflections and make patterns on the chalk boards.



I wonder if daddy will let me paint the walls at home?

Apart from all the outdoor activities, we have sometimes joined up with the babies either in the baby room or older baby room and played together.

We love to play with the parachute in the room. We throw it up in the air and run underneath it while it falls down, then we sit on the floor and wave it up and down. We throw balls on it while we are holding it and shake them up and down.



You hold this end and I will pull.

Sometimes we just sit on it and roll around! We have been cooking, playing with pasta, painting with cars and done lots of singing this month.

### Toddlers

Welcome to Asha, Isabel and Archie who have joined us from Older babies.

In the two weeks of hot weather that we had this month our aim was to keep cool.

We took advantage by using the paddling pool and pretending we were at the beach. We put on our swimwear and splashed about, getting the staff wet!! We followed on the theme of holidays by creating a display of the beach. The children painted jelly fish, and made dolphins with their footprints.

Inside the room we filled the water tray with ice and watched as it melted. We tried to catch the ice cubes and laughed when they kept slipping out of our hands. The children talked about how the ice was turning back to water.



Where has the ice gone?

While we are at Nursery we talk about our friends and how we feel when we are playing together. The older children in the toddler room love to help the younger ones and will help them put their coats on, pat them to sleep and find their slippers.



A special moment!

We enjoy free flowing in between the pre school room, the garden and the toddler room as it gives the toddler children a chance to interact with the pre school children and we love to use the pre school dressing up clothes!

### Pre School

This has been a very physical month in Pre School. We all thoroughly enjoyed our sports day and we hope you did too.

This month we have working on friendship. We have a lot of friends at Nursery and we enjoy playing with them all.



All friends together!

Within this months topic of friends we have enjoyed looking at the different ways which we can be kind to each other.

Roan decided one way to be kind was to cook for his friends in the home corner. He made a 'tea party' and invited all his friends around to his house for tea.

We have been practicing our letter sounds this month starting with 'a' for ant, 't' for tennis and 's' for snake. We looked around the room for words with these letters in and found some letters on the key boards in the foyer.



Do you have the same letters as me?

This terms swimming has finished and we ended the term with jumping on floats and swimming with big frogs. We look forward to the next term!

We would like to say goodbye to Lewis and Jai who are leaving to go to big school.

### Outdoor clothing

In our last newsletter we were asking for sun hats and sun creams but the typical English weather being what it is has recently meant the need for raincoats and wellingtons. Please could parents ensure their child has a coat at Nursery as we do like to go out, whatever the weather.

## Staff News

As most of you will be aware, Rachel Sibley, Deputy Manager, has decided to leave the Nursery to rest and enjoy her pregnancy. Kim Taylor, pre school room leader, will be promoted to Deputy Manager and will be working alongside Jill. We all congratulate Kim on her new position.

Our employee of the month this month was Mandy Hutchinson in the baby room.

## Photographs

Thank you for your orders of photographs. We hope you were pleased with the results. Unfortunately, we had quite a few children absent with chicken pox but we will be booking another date with a different photographer later on in the year.

## Partnership with parents

As some of you may be aware, we are working hard to get parents involved with the nursery and the planning which we carry out. We are always looking to invite parents in to play or to contribute ideas towards the planning. If anyone has anything they would like us to include, or would like to come and play, please see your child's room leader for more information.

## New arrival



Congratulations to Amelia on the birth of her baby brother, Evan Alexander. We wish the entire family well and cannot wait to meet him.

## July birthdays



Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthdays in July!

Dinah                      Will  
Hugh                        Elliot

Ryan                              Mia  
Michael  
Archie  
Christian

## Dates for your diary!

Even though we are still enjoying our summer, we would like to give you an important date for you to book into your diaries.

We have booked dates for our Christmas parties and pre school play.

Our babies and younger toddler party will be held in the church hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the morning.

The older toddlers and pre school play will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the church hall in the afternoon.

Times for these events will be confirmed at a later date.

Kind Regards

Janet and team.