

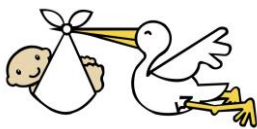
With the warm weather we are having at the moment, the children are really enjoying being outside and exploring the natural world. For some families this will be their last term with us and we hope it is full with fun for the children. Many will be starting their school visits and even though this can be an anxious time for both children and parents, we hope it is a time to celebrate your child's achievements and this exciting new step ahead!

Important Dates:

- Tues 18th July – Picnic at the Park
- Nursery Summer Closure – Monday 28th August to Friday 1st September.
- Nursery Autumn Term starts – Monday 4th September.

Summer Months

Please could you provide your child with a named sun hat and sun cream at Nursery. The sun cream and hat can be kept in their bag. Please also provide ice packs in lunch boxes to keep food cool. Thank you



We are very happy to announce that Emily is expecting her first child in October.

Congratulations Emily and husband, Jaimie!

We are also excited to welcome Faith officially to our team.

Faith has been with us as a Level 2 college student two days a week since November. She has decided to become part of our nursery as a Level 3 Apprentice in September.

We are learning this term

Through June and July both Bumble Bees and Butterflies theme will be 'Growing and Changing'.

We will talk about how we grow and healthy eating, as well as looking at how plants and animals grow. This will include focusing on the Very Hungry Caterpillar Story and looking at other insects.

For those moving on to school in September, we will also include this theme into our play areas.

Butterflies will then move on to looking at Holidays during August and Bumble Bees will focus on holidays as well as pirates and princesses for our final few weeks.



Come and join us

On Tuesday 18th July

At 11:30am – 1:00pm

We will be going to Exeter Park for a picnic lunch.

If your child normally attends on a Tuesday and you would like to join us, please feel free too.

If your child does not normally attend on a Tuesday, please meet us there and enjoy your picnic and a play in the park!

Children to bring a packed lunch to nursery as normal.

Some Changes to Small Steps

We are always looking at ways to improve the physical environment that the children experience every day. As part of our long-term improvement plan, we will be making some changes to the Butterflies area to give them free flow between their room and the eating/messy area. This will enable them more space to play and enjoy greater choice in their activities.

We will also be resurfacing some areas of the garden. We are replacing two large planters and also safety surfacing under the sheltered area.

There is also the possibility of replacing the flooring in Bumble Bees room and the bathroom in the autumn term.

Lots of exciting changes ahead!

A huge thank you to Kidlington Charity Bingo, who have donated some money for us to be able to buy two new wooden planters and some plants. These will make a great addition to the children's learning about nature.



We very much enjoyed our Incredible Eggs experience and watching the chicks hatch and grow over the weeks. We hope you have heard lots about the chicks at home!



Graduation Celebrations

For our children leaving for school us at the end of August we like to have a Graduation Celebration, where we also invite those parents to join us.

We would like to include as many children in our celebrations as possible. So, if you are leaving this August, please could you let us know if you have any holidays in August, so we can plan a date that suits everyone. Thanks.

"30" Hour Funding Codes

If your child turns 3 years old before 31st August, please make sure you have applied for their funding code. You will need to send this to us along with your national insurance number before the summer break.

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Absences

As part of our safeguarding duties we are required to know why a child is not at nursery if they normally attend.

Please could you inform us if your child is not going to attend on a certain day, either for illness or holidays.

Please either ring the nursery on 01865 377844 or email us. If we do not hear from you by 10am then we will try to contact

Play Packs

We are planning on introducing some play packs that you can borrow to do with your child at home. This we hope will help to strengthen children's home learning and nursery links.

Many of the packs will promote language and communication development, as well as fine and gross motor skills.

More information will follow, once we have everything set up!