**Newsletter to Nursery Parents – May 2025**

We would like to welcome back all existing parents, and extend a welcome to all our new parents.

**Staff Training**

Mrs Stimpson, Miss Trott and Mrs Rout have completed the Early Years Professional Development programme, a Department for Education funded course. Over the last 9 months they have completed 60 hours of webinars and E-learning modules. The course has given the staff a lot of new ideas to enhance the children’s learning in the nursery. All the staff have completed training on self regulation and different strategies for unacceptable behaviour.

**Topics this term**

During this term, the children in Nursery will be learning about:

Lifecycles of chickens, frogs, plants, butterflies and water.

**Hot Weather**

As the weather is now warming up and the sun is shining, please can we ask that your child brings a summer hat with them to the nursery and that shoulders are covered during the warmer days.

Please can you also apply suncream to your child before they are dropped off, we ask that a 12 hour cream is used to cover them for the whole day. Those in the under 2 groups can bring suncream in for us to apply.

**Dates for the Diary**

* **Tuesday 20th May – Join us in a Parent/Carer Craft Activity Morning, details to follow**
* **Parent’s Afternoons**
  + - **Mon 12th May – Miss Trott**
    - **Tue 13th May – Miss Trott**
    - **Wed 14th May – Miss Coker, Mrs Millard & Mrs Crofts**
    - **Thurs 15th May - Miss Coker, Mrs Millard & Mrs Crofts**
    - **Fri 16th May – Miss Cassidy**
    - **Mon 19th May – Miss Cassidy**
    - **Details to follow for all parent afternoons**
* **Weds 25th June – Picnic for upstairs groups Mrs Rout, Miss Cox and Miss Patmore**
* **Fri 27th June – Picnic for Miss Cassidy & Miss Trott’s groups**
* **Mon 23rd June – Summer Show Miss Coker’s group**
* **Tues 24th June - Summer Show Mrs Millard’s & Mrs Croft’s groups**
* **Weds 2nd July – Graduation Miss Coker’s group with picnic after. Please note this is provisional**

**as we have not yet been given dates for school taster sessions for the children who**

**are transferring to Reception classes in September.**

* **Mon 7th July – Graduation for Mrs Millard’s & Mrs Croft’s groups with picnic after. Please note this is provisional as we have not yet been given dates for school taster sessions for the children who are transferring to Reception classes in September.**
* **Zoo trip to be organised for all pre-primary groups once we know school taster dates**

**Times and further information will be provided for above events at a later date.**

**Nature Table**

We would like to remind parents about the Nature Table outside. Please would you help your child to find objects to bring in and talk about during circle time. They can bring items such as plants, flowers, and shells from a visit to the beach or pine cones from a walk through the woods.

**Nursery Session Times**

Please may we remind you the morning session starts at 8.30 am and finishes at 11.30 am. The afternoon session starts at 12.30 pm and finishes at 3.30 pm. If you have older children to drop off at other schools first, can we please ask you to bring your child to nursery by 9am as we start our planned activities just after 9am.

**Late Collection**

The Nursery has to keep very precise records for Ofsted and make sure our staff to pupil ratio is correct at all times. If you arrive early or collect your child later, you will be charged for the extra time. If your child attends after school care, may we remind you, after school care finishes at 6pm. If you know that you cannot collect your child by 6pm, please make arrangements for them to be collected by another authorised adult. If an unexpected emergency occurs, please phone the nursery to inform them if you are going to be late.

**From June 2025, in line with other nurseries, we will be introducing a charge for late collection of children. We have to adhere to strict child/ adult ratios. If a child is not collected on time we have to pay an additional member of staff to work later than contracted. We will therefore be charging the standard nursery rate for late collection i.e. £1 per minute. If you know you are going to be frequently late please book your child into After School care, this will cost less and we can ensure we have enough staff working late. If you are going to be delayed by a road traffic accident or other unforeseen situation, please phone the nursery to avoid being billed for late collection.**

**Speech and Language**

Statistically there are many younger children who experience speech delay, this has increased over the last few years. Unfortunately the waiting list for speech therapy is extremely long. We carry out speech specific activities in our nursery daily.

Below are some useful links that can provide information for parents about children’s speech.

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/salt>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Talk and play nine day challenge <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-learning/home-learning/talk-and-play-ideas/nine-day-challenge>

**Colours and Letter Sounds**

Please help your child to learn the colour / letter for each week by looking around your home for objects of the same colour / letter sound. If possible please send these into school for our display. Any items you bring in will be returned to you when the next display is put up.

**Miss Coker , Mrs Millard and Mrs Crofts Group**

Letter & 3D Shape table

Every week we will be teaching a different letter name and its sound.

We will send home a sheet for each letter. Please practise saying the letter name and sound. Use the action box to make sure that your child is learning the correct sound for each letter, e.g.: This is the letter ‘Pee’ it makes the sound ‘p’, copy the action of blowing out a candle on a cake. Please play games like ‘I Spy’ with the letter name and sound for the week.

We will be teaching the children to write the letter correctly, as well as matching it to its name and sound.

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| **Week Beginning** | **Miss Coker, Mrs Millard & Mrs Crofts Groups Letters**  **&**  **3D Shapes** | **Miss Cassidy/Miss Trott**  **Colours and Shapes** |
| 28/04/25 & 05/05/25 | O  Sphere | Star- yellow |
| 12/05/25 & 19/05/25 | R  Triangular based pyramid | Circle- Green |
| **26/05/25** | **HALF-TERM** |  |
| 02/06/25 & 09/06/25 | D  Square based pyramid | Octagon- Red |
| 16/06/25 & 23/06/25 | M  Cone | Heptagon- Blue |
| 30/06/25 & 07/07/25 | W  Cuboid | Pentagon- Orange |
| 14/07/25 | Review |  |

**How you can support your child’s learning at home**

* **I spy**
* **Colour matching games**
* **Shape hunts**
* **Number hunts (numberplates, supermarket isles)**
* **Counting stairs on the way to bed**
* **Ordering toys by size**
* **Sharing stories (if your child has a favourite book, you can bring it in for us to share in nursery, please name the book).**

**Barnaby and Bella Bear**

If you are going on holiday Barnaby/Bella could come with you. Please take photographs of your child and Barnaby/Bella at an interesting site; e.g. Disney World, funfair, picnic on the beach, in an aeroplane or train.

Whilst you are on holiday could you send a post-card to the nursery for us to discuss with the children. This helps them to gain understanding and knowledge of different countries/places.

Please speak to a member of the Nursery staff and ask to ‘borrow’ Barnaby/Bella if you are going on

**Car park Safety**

**Please could we just remind you not to let children run across the carpark.**

**Please enter the carpark at a safe speed. Safety of the children here is paramount.**