



# Nurture News

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## A NOTE FROM RACHEL

Welcome back following the Easter break, we hope you had a relaxing break and a very warm welcome to all of the families who are embarking on their Nurture adventure.

We are delighted at how fantastic the garden is looking. We have already started exploring our new outdoor area in all weather and we are looking forward to spending much more time in the outdoors over the coming months. If you have not yet seen our new outdoor area you are welcome to pop into the garden at any time.

With this in mind can we remind parents to send their child in with sun cream (applied) and a sun hat on warmer days please, we will top up sun cream throughout the course of the day.

### **STAFFING:**

We were sad to have said 'Goodbye' to Heather, we wish her all the best with her studies and future career. Nichola will continue to support Sarah as Deputy Room Leader within 2-3's. Evie will be working over the Summer as she ends her first year of teacher training at Sheffield Hallam.

We are excited to welcome Rebecca to the team from the end of May. Rebecca will be taking on the admin role which will then free up a little more time which Rachel can then use to continue to support and enhance the nursery's development plan.

### **TRAINING:**

This terms staff meetings will focus on the 'Reflective Practice Cycle.'

We have recently signed up to the National Day Nursery Association's 'Quality Counts' framework.

Quality counts is a setting wide framework for continuous improvement and staff development. The heart of the process is the Reflective Practice Cycle, at whole nursery, room and individual level. The yearlong process will enable us to work together to ensure we are offering the best quality care possible for the children in our setting.

At the end of the year we will be assessed as to whether we are still working towards the Quality Counts statements or we can be accredited with the Quality Counts Mark or Quality Counts Platinum Mark

### **FACEBOOK**

In order to maintain a professional working relationship we have a strict policy which states practitioners are not to become friends with parents on Facebook, we would appreciate it if parents don't send requests as it puts staff in a difficult situation.

### **30 HOURS FUNDING**

Thank you to everyone who has confirmed their 30 hour code, this needs to be reconfirmed every 3 months to ensure the code remains valid.

We would also advise families who would be eligible for the additional funding between now and September 2019 and wish to increase their hours to speak to Rachel ASAP in order to avoid disappointment.

Pre-school places are limited at the moment and unfortunately we can not guarantee that we will be able to accommodate requests for additional sessions however we will always try our best.

### **BABY ROOM AVAILABILITY**

Spaces are filling up quickly over the coming months and we have also had several expectant parents secure a place with us. If there are any families who would like to secure a place within our fantastic Baby Room please let me know.

### **SCHOOL LEAVERS**

We have some very excited Pre-Schoolers who have been telling us all about which big school they will be moving onto. I will be making contact with these schools and inviting their new teachers in to meet the children in the nursery prior to their taster days at school. I will let parents know when these will be over the coming weeks.

We are aware that some of our children will also be moving on to school based pre-schools in September. We would appreciate it if parents could let us know when this has been confirmed so I can then offer any available sessions to families who are on the waiting list.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June- Half Term**

There will be no funding these week for children who attend term time only. If your term dates vary slightly to these please let me know and I can amend accordingly.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> June (provisional date) - Nursery Photos**

More details to follow shortly.

please book a 10 minute slot with your child's Nurturer.

#### **July - Parent's Evening (date tbc)**

#### **Bank Holidays (Nursery is closed on these dates):**

7<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July - End of Summer Term (funded only)**



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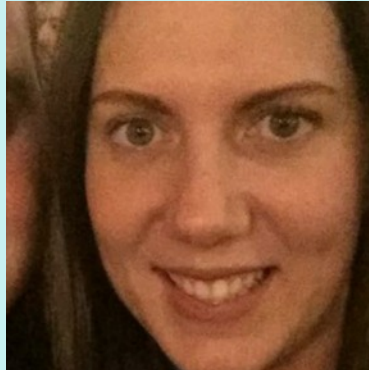
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## Toddler Room

### Staff



**Kayla**  
Room Leader



**Hannah**  
Deputy Room  
Leader



**Chloe**



**Katie**



**Sophie**

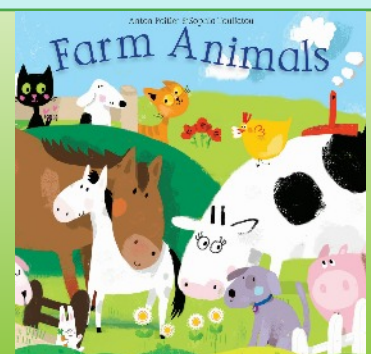
**Skipping into the new season with a spring in our step is Room Leader Kayla, Deputy Hannah, Chloe who has recently achieved her level 2 qualification, Katie who is near completion of her level 3 qualification and Apprentice Sophie.**

**As the weather is getting warmer we are asking parents to please bring in sun cream, hats and suitable clothing so we can enjoy the warm weather playing in the garden and going for walks.**

### **Our Focus Book this Term**

**This term we will be reading 'Farm Animals.'**

**We will be learning the sounds of the animals and visiting The Garden House.**





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### What we have been doing in the Toddler Room

This past term we have been getting creative both at home and nursery with lots of Easter Activities.

We had some brilliant entries for our egg decorating competition making it such a hard choice.



We enjoyed mark making on our Easter cards, exploring our Easter tuff spot and joining our friends with a spot of crispy cake making (they were very tasty!).

The children loved getting involved with our Easter egg hunt. Nurture's hid chocolate filled eggs around the room, providing the children with contextual clues and encouragement to find them then pop them into their basket.



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### What we will be doing in the Toddler Room

As part of our new focus for spring we will be changing our construction area into a role play garden and planting area. We are going to be using various props and equipment such as plant pots, watering cans, spades and gloves for the children to explore continuing to encourage them to use their imaginations. We have also been planting in our new areas in the garden learning how to look after living and growing things in our environment.



This term we will be looking at farm animals big and small with a new focus animal daily. We will investigate our animal flash cards and books, role play farm as well as taking a trip to The Garden House Farm in Marple and Reddish Vale Farm to see the animals in their natural environment watching them explore and feed. The children love getting to go out and investigate the local environment on walks which we are looking forward to.



Healthy body, happy me is coming up soon which involves the whole nursery taking part in a week long programme including lots of different activities which helps us promote over all health and well-being so keep an eye out for any updated information on this



We will also be continuing festival celebrations including St George's Day and Fathers Day, we will be getting involved in lots of fun and creative activities with our friends.