



Nurture News

April 2018

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A NOTE FROM Nurture

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 28th May - Friday 8th 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.

7th 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):

7th May, 28th May, 27th August.

Tuesday 31st July - End of Summer Term (funded only)



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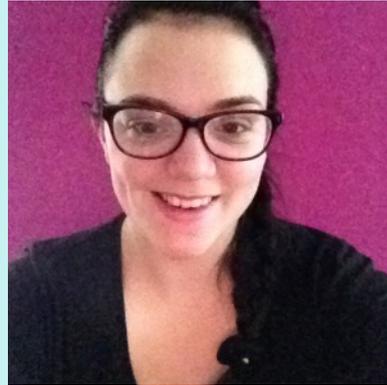
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Baby Room

Staff



Lucy
Room Leader



Kayleigh
Room Leader



Alison



Amanda

Welcome back following the Easter break and a very warm welcome to our new babies who have all settled in amazingly!

What we have been doing in the Baby Room

The babies had lots to celebrate during February. We 'mixed' up our ingredients for Pancake Day, sampled oriental food for Chinese New Year and felt the love for Valentine's day...





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What we have been doing in the Baby Room ...



**In March we had a ROARsome time exploring dinosaurs!
The babies got stuck in the dinosaur swamp and were
intrigued by the hatching of the dinosaur eggs.**



**Spring has finally arrived in the baby room.
We celebrated Easter with our Easter themed
sensory bins, the babies explored various
textures such as straw and feathers.
The babies showed great interest in the
colourful flower box, they picked out the
beautiful flowers for a closer inspection and
marks in the 'soil' with their fingers whilst
enjoying a cheeky taste!**





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So what's next...

Next month we are celebrating the Royal Wedding where the babies will enjoy a champagne reception (water play) and a confetti sensory tray, amongst various other royal themed activities.

During June, we will be supporting England in the World Cup which should give us the opportunities to practise our ball skills in the baby room. Where we can roll, kick and pass balls to one another. As England will be playing against other countries we will be celebrating their cultures and their traditions too.



It will soon be summer and hopefully we will enjoy some sunshine too! With that in mind can we ask our parents to remember to provide sun cream and hats for our little ones as we should be spending some time in the garden.