



Nurture News

Summer 2019

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A NOTE FROM RACHEL

Welcome back following the Easter break and a warm 'welcome' to all of our new families. We are looking forward to spending much more time outside in the newly built baby garden which was built in Alison's memory and also the main garden.

Could we please take this opportunity to remind parents to send their child in dressed appropriately for the weather and with a sun hat & cream (cream to be applied before the start of the session - we will top up at regular intervals throughout the day.



STAFFING:

Rachel's hours have changed to Monday - Thursday term time only. Laura has been working in the office now for the past 4 months, any queries, bookings etc can be addressed by Laura.

Following Kayla's departure, Amanda (Pre-School) has taken on the role of Deputy Manager and works Monday - Friday and Hannah P has taken on the role of Toddler Room Leader.

Sophie G (Toddlers) is moving to another setting at the end of the month, we wish her all the best with her future career.

We have recently welcomed Amanda Sharpe & Emily to the team. Amanda has joined Toddlers as Deputy Room Leader and will be leading the room in Hannah's absence whilst she continues her Nursing Degree part time and Emily has joined Pre-school.

TRAINING:

Last term Rachel has evaluated the setting & the resources and we are currently working towards this as part of our development plan.

All staff attending the following training:

- Behaviour management, we reflected on our practice and the strategies used.
- Reflective Practice
- Safeguarding refresher.

OFSTED are in the process of changing their inspection criteria, therefore we will be looking at this in more detail over the coming months.

Parents Evening:

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we are not holding a parents evening following Easter as we have found previously that the attendance for this evening was very poor. We will continue to hold parents evenings in November & July.

We operate an open door policy and actively remind parents that they are welcome to come in at any time to discuss their child's learning and envelopment with their child's Nurturer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 17th May - 9am - Pre-School Leavers photos.

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.

Thursday 23rd June - Fun Feet Fop Charity Day

See email attached.

Friday 2nd August - Pre-School Graduation

Please see previous email sent.

Funding end dates:

Term time only: Tuesday 30th July

All year round: Friday 30th August

Funding restarts: Monday 2nd September 2019

Bank Holidays (Nursery is closed on these dates):

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



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Toddler Room

Staff



Hannah
Room Leader



Amanda
Deputy Room
Leader



Jade



Sophie



Jess



Kelly

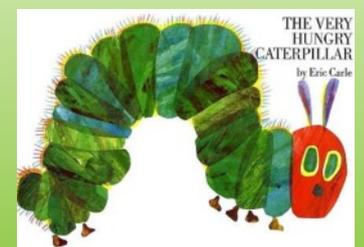
We have sadly said 'Goodbye' to Kayla, we wish her all the best in her new adventure. Taking over as Toddler Room Leader is Hannah and Amanda as Deputy Room Leader who has recently joined us from Nina's Nursery where she was Room Leader.

Could we please ask that all items of clothing are labelled and that children only bring in comfort items from home and not toys as unfortunately these may get lost or broken.

Our Focus Book this Term

Our focus for this half term is The Hungry Caterpillar.

We will be engaging in lots of food tasting activities, as well as incorporating numbers, counting and the days of the week into our daily routine & activities.





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Toddler Room

What we have been doing in the Toddler Room

Last term was filled with lots of celebrations. We have been celebrating Valentines day, St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day & Easter. These celebrations sparked lot of messy play and crafts activities using a variety of media and materials.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the Easter egg hunt. We used contextual clues and lots of encouragement before collecting the eggs in our baskets. The best part was sharing the chocolate with our friends!



Toddler Room

What we will be doing in the Toddler Room

Last term our focus was 'Growing & Farm Animals'
As part of this we visited Reddish Vale Farm, which was a huge success!

The children enjoyed stroking the animals and feeding carrots to the horses



The Toddlers also created their own edible farm.
The children were encouraged to copy animal names and sounds with the encouragement of nurturers modelling language.



What we will be doing in the Toddler Room

This term we will be exploring Under the Sea, Mini Beasts and The Hungry Caterpillar. We will also be transforming our role play area into a planting area!

We love going outside and exploring and aim to explore the outdoors at least once daily. We have loved taking activities out into the new baby garden and making the most of the fantastic weather we have had so far.

We also enjoy exploring our local environment, including The Garden House, Etherow Park, feeding the ducks and the library.