

Nursery News



Friday 15th July 2016

Dear Parents and carers,

It seems hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of this school year, the summer term has certainly passed quickly, but looking back over the last year, we certainly have had many highlights!

We have had a fantastic, yet busy week; the children did amazingly well at sports day yesterday, thank you immensely for your touchline support, the weather was just perfect. The children have been practising hard for this event and have been learning all about how exercise helps our bodies stay fit and healthy.

Special thank yous!

We are so grateful to all of you who have helped throughout the year in a range of different ways; we really do appreciate your support which is invaluable to us! We would also like to thank all our wonderful students and volunteers who have been utterly brilliant.

To the Nursery staff of 2015-16, Rebecca English, Penny Cowdry, Marjorie Maillard, Jo Gayton, Karin Ethridge, Cherill McPherson and Rachel Botwright. They have done such an amazing job, I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their continued support, hard work and commitment in making the children's Nursery experience such a special and memorable one.

Finally **thank you** from all the Nursery staff for your continued support and of course for your wonderful children.

The children's learning stories have been passed to the Reception team; we have taken great care in ensuring that staff know all about the children's interests and abilities. The books will be sent home to you as soon as possible in the new term! Remember the Reception team will be available for parent appointments on Monday 19th, Wednesday 21st, Friday 23rd September. Please sign up for a ten minute slot between 3-4pm.

Home school links

- Don't forget to complete the activities from the transition books during the holidays, you will find them in the pack.
- Over the summer continue to talk about what the children are looking forward to exploring or learning when in Reception.
- They may like to make their very own story sack where they collect items related to their favourite story and use these to retell and explore the story with friends etc.
- Encourage activities to support motor skill development e.g. using a decorating paint brush and making patterns with water outside, using chunky chalks to make a hop scotch grid, using bubble wands, mark making in the sand or mud, cooking, threading, puzzles.
- Keep practising having a go at name writing, recording numbers and being independent in dressing.
- Keep looking for numbers in the environment, practising careful counting, estimating, recognising numbers and using and applying them in everyday contexts.
- Play games of eye spy, sound searches, stop for listening moments.
- Make a memory stick recording your year in Nursery.

Please return report slips by the end of term, thank you to those of you who have already sent them back. Your feedback is really important to us.

All that remains for me to say is that we hope you have a very safe and happy holiday and we wish the children a very successful year in Reception!

It really has been our privilege to teach such amazing children!

The Nursery team