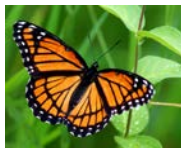


JUNE/JULY 2019



We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. This is our last half term of the academic year as we break up for the Summer on **Thursday 18th July**.

April and May were very busy months for children and staff!

Swimming...

Lessons will continue this term - our last lesson is on **Wednesday 3rd July**. The children's hard work is paying off; we are seeing some fabulous progress and lots of children are now swimming without floats. We will start lessons again in September when our new children are settled.

Boogiebeat sessions with Abbie...

The children are really enjoying the story and song based activities and it is lovely for our two year olds and toddlers to be able to join in too. Our last sessions will take place on **Monday 15th July**.

Mini art project with King James 1st Academy...

Some of our older children have been involved in a mini art project at King James Academy. They have enjoyed trying new art techniques and working with staff from the art department.

Visits to sensory room...

Some of our younger children have taken part in visits to the sensory room at Woodhouse Close Children's Centre. They enjoyed playing with the resources and looking at all the pretty lights.

Transition to Primary Schools...

Staff from Reception Classes have already started to visit the children at Nursery and talk to staff about the children's interests and their progress and achievements. We hope you found Mrs Staines' workshops and the information about school readiness useful.



Stay and Play... Our next stay and play for the special men in the children's lives will be on **Tuesday 11th June from 10am - 11.30am and Thursday from 1pm - 2.30pm**. Please sign up on the office door so that we can arrange refreshments and resources. 😊

Big Purple Playbus... on **Monday 17th June** the Big Purple Playbus will be here for the day. If your child doesn't usually come to Nursery on a Monday, they are still very welcome to come and join in the fun. Pop in the office and we will allocate you a convenient time slot. Our toddlers will also be able to access it too!

Trip to see **Dippy the dinosaur at the Hancock Museum, Newcastle on Friday 5th July**. Please ensure that your paperwork and payment are handed to the office no later than **Friday 21st June**.

Family seaside trip... Attached to this newsletter is information about our Family seaside trip to South Shields on **Wednesday 10th July**. We were successful with a grant bid and therefore school fund can pay for the children and one adult per family to attend. Additional adults can attend at a cost of £5 each if we have spare seats on the bus. Please return paperwork and payment no later than **Monday 1st July**. You are welcome to pay in instalments over the next few weeks.

Mini-Graduation for our July 19 leavers... This year our Mini-Graduation for our children leaving us to go to Primary School this September will take place on **Wednesday 17th July at 10.30am at Woodhouse Close Church**. It will last approximately 20-30 minutes and you are welcome to join us for refreshments afterwards. Our younger children will be joining us so **ALL CHILDREN** (with the exception of those attending Nursery all day) **should be collected from the church by 11.30am**. (We'll remind you!)

We would like to say a very big **'thank you'** for your voluntary £1 weekly donations to school fund. Last month you paid for the healthy daily snacks and resources for the children including birthday gifts, bubbles, some new buckets for the sand pit, playdough ingredients, fish fingers and bread for fish finger sandwiches (yum) and gifts for the children leaving us to go to Primary School.

This month as well as our healthy daily snacks, we have bought caterpillars so that the children can experience the lifecycle of a butterfly and resources and snacks for our two stay and play sessions.

Please can you help us to keep records for auditing purposes by ticking your child's name on the sheet in the Nursery entrance? (Mickey Mouse money box and black folder in main Nursery entrance)

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Ava and Velise who have recently joined us... Exciting times ahead!



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays in June - **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Lydia, Ella R, and Nathan- James.

In July, Jake, Matthew, Harvey-Jay, Halia and Anastasia will be celebrating their birthdays whilst Danny-Joe, Ella M, Luke and Ruby will celebrate their birthdays in August. We hope you all have a fabulous time!

Your child's safety is very important to us...

- Please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk.
- Please be mindful of our neighbouring residents by parking in the lay-bys whenever you can.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Parent/carer consultations

In the Summer term we like to offer an additional appointment with key workers for parents and carers who request one. Please call in to the office if you would like an appointment, we will organise a convenient time for you.

Dates for your diary

Tues 11th (10-11.30am) and Thursday 13th

June (1-2.30pm) - Stay and play sessions

Mon 17th June - Big Purple Playbus here

Weds 3rd July - Last swimming lessons

Fri 5th July - trip to Hancock museum to see Dippy the dinosaur

Weds 10th July - Family Seaside Day.

Weds 17th July - Mini Graduation for children leaving us to start Primary School at Woodhouse Close Church at 10.30am.

Thurs 18th July - school closes for Summer

Wednesday 4th September - school reopens after Summer break (Tuesday 3rd September is one of our allocated teacher training days for the academic year)

GOVERNOR NEWS...



Governors were very concerned to hear the news of a child in Darlington getting knocked over by a car outside of school last month. Please continue to park in the lay-bys in Aclet Close and keep your children close to you when entering and leaving the School. Durham County Council have loaned us a poster to draw attention to parking safely.

The Full Governing Body have met this month and the Governors' annual report has been written. Paper copies will be distributed to parents and carers at the end of June and a date has been identified should any of you wish to discuss it further. (Please note that 15 families must request a meeting for it to proceed)