

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014

Dear parents/carers

Welcome to a busy term this summer.



Children were busy making Father's Day cards last week; the event on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> June was a huge success. Fathers, granddads and uncles were invited to have breakfast with their child(ren) and make a special keepsake gift for the occasion. Thank you to all who attended the event - it was a great morning. The children have also been very busy creating wonderful summer display boards for each room.

Within the toddler room we have introduced free access units to enable children to have the opportunity to explore the various resources, as well as develop their own play.

Outdoors, children have a new balancing beam for them to develop their balancing skills.

#### Transition Group

I will be running the transition group sessions this term for the pre-school children, preparing them for school. Children will cover the following:

Personal, social and emotional development: Self-help skills, listening to others, working in a group, turn taking. Encouraging communication.

Maths: Songs and rhymes, which involve numbers, recognising shapes in the environment and creating patterns, number counting and recognition, comparing groups and sorting.

Literacy: Including listening to rhyming stories. The children will also cover stage one letters and sounds, as well as listening to stories and anticipating what they think will happen next. We will then discuss the characters.

Writing: Developing the pincer grip for mark-making tools. Gaining control of mark-making resources, including large gross motor development. Drawing with meaning to the marks they have made.

I will be creating a photo album for the term, showing parents what the children have been involved in during the term. This will be available in the entrance area for you to look at.



## Events for the term

Teddy Bears Picnic – Children are invited to attend a teddy bear picnic on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Don't forget your teddy. Food contributions are welcome. A food list of items will go up in the entrance area for you to choose from.



Sports Day – We will be hosting a sports day for the nursery. Toddlers will have their sports day on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July at 10.45am. The pre-school children will have their sports day on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July at 9.00am. Children will take part in a number of races, and there will be a mummy and daddy race. We warmly invite you to come along and join your children at these events. Refreshments will be served. If your child is not due to attend on these dates, you are still welcome to bring them along to the event.

Parents evening is to be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of July and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Time sheets will be up shortly in the entrance area of 15 minute slots. If you are unable to attend, please speak to me to rearrange a more convenient date. You will have the opportunity to look through your child's learning journey. Assessments will be shared and you will get a copy of this also.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do speak to me.

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