



Welcome back, we hope you had a fantastic summer. Everyone has been busy over the summer, Matt has given the playhouse a makeover and added a patio area and fence. It looks like a new building and Kindergarten staff and children have set it up inside as a home. Toddlers have also been working on theirs and it is also a home, both playhouses look lovely and I am sure the children will enjoy playing in them. We have planted some fruit trees in the chicken run to start our orchard area, and a weeping willow tree in the main garden. Alex and Matt have also made a sensory area in the Kindergarten garden. Digging areas have been created in the babies and toddlers gardens and a sand area in the Toddler room. A traditional cob oven has been built in our wood and this has been put into good use making fantastic pizzas. You are welcome to have a look around the gardens when picking up your children.

Autumn is fast approaching and we have lots of fun filled activities planned for your children to look forward to.

## Forthcoming Events

### September

**Monday 2nd** - Term 1 begins - Children on term time and stretched funding

**Wednesday 11th** - French classes begin in Kindergarten

**Wednesday 25th** - Transition meeting for parents with children starting school in 2020 - 5pm

### October

**Thursday 3rd** - National Poetry Day

**Friday 4th - Thursday 10th** - World Space week

**Friday 4th** - Grandparent Day - Grandparents Invited

**Tuesday 8th** - Harvest Festival for Kindergarten - 9.30am, parents invited

**Monday 14th** - Parents Workshop on Understanding the EYFS

**Thursday 17th - Friday 18th** - Photographer in

**Friday 18th** - End of Term 1 - Children on term time funding

## Staff News

We have had some staff move rooms over the summer, to help with career development and bringing new ideas to the rooms, all of the staff are settling well into their new rooms. Katie Chambers Wood, the deputy manager and Toddler room leader left at the beginning of August to have a change of career. Dawn Warren is our new Toddlers room leader and is already doing a really good job.

Totty Schofield has been promoted to Trainee Early Years Teacher and will continue to work in Older Kindergarten alongside doing her post graduation course to gain her Early Years Teacher status.

Lizzy Anthony will be starting in October as our deputy manager, she will be moving round the rooms and supporting Kate in the office.

Charlotte Mortimer has started her apprenticeship, some of Toddler parents will recognise her from volunteering over the last term, this term she will be in Younger Kindergarten.

## Parent and Baby Group

Our parent and baby group will be beginning again this Friday 6th September for babies from birth to 16 months, from 9:30am to 10:30am. We have a great plan for each week up until October half term, sessions are £2 each and bookings are essential.

### **Parent Transition Meeting**

We will be holding a parent transition meeting for parents of children who start school in September 2020 on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm. It will be an information evening giving parents an insight in to the school process, how we prepare your child for school and what to expect from the reception year. We have invited our three partner schools, Ropsley, Great Ponton and Ingoldsby to join us at this meeting. Even if you are considering a different school, parents have still found it useful to help understand more about primary schools and gained an understanding for when they look around other schools.

### **Grandparents Day**

On October 4<sup>th</sup> it is national Grandparent Day and to celebrate this we would like to invite Grandparents to come and spend some time with their grandchildren here at nursery on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, from 9:30am to 10:30am. Children will be able to share cakes they have baked at nursery with their Grandparents and they can join in with their play.

### **Harvest Festival**

Both Older and Younger Kindergarten will take part in our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am, here at the nursery. More details are to follow.

### **Photographer**

JS photography will be attending on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October, they came in the summer and did an excellent job with lovely photographs in the woods, this time the photographs will be formal and taken inside. If your child does not attend on the days that the photographer is here you are welcome to book an appointment to have a photograph taken. Siblings are also welcome.

### **Planned or Unplanned Absences**

If you have any planned or unplanned absences (holiday or due to sickness) we would appreciate you informing us, all notifications regarding attendance need to go via the office. Please email the office for any planned absences a month in advance. For children under 3 years the new holiday year starts from this month, a reminder that you are entitled to two weeks at half fees.

Please email or telephone as soon as possible if your child is sick and unable to attend nursery that day. Following our safeguarding policy we will be telephoning parents if after two hours your child is not present at nursery when they are booked in. This is typical policy across nurseries and schools, and helps ensure all children are safeguarded, for example, in the event of a parent falling critically ill.

### **Clothing**

As the weather is starting to cool down can parents please make sure children have the correct clothing to enjoy the outdoors, coats, waterproofs, wellies etc and to ensure that these are all labelled with their name. Could we please ask you to check that waterproof and wellies that are here still fit please.

### **Registers**

Can we please remind you to sign in and out of the registers, as everyone comes and goes at different times we ask parents to do this for a health and safety perspective, as well as clarifies registers from an invoice perspective.

Older Kindergarten, Younger Kindergarten and Toddlers now have self registration boards for the children. Parents and staff can help support the children by helping them to look for their name or picture and putting it on the board in their room.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to another wonderful academic year.

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