

June 2023

We would like to give a special welcome to all our new children (Rio, Nella and Annie).

Allergies

Please can you avoid sending PEACHES or any products that contain PEACHES.

Donations

We are looking for the following donations for the garden party.

1. Raffle prizes
2. Bottles for the tombola
3. Toys
4. Surprise in a jar what your child might want to win (Get an empty jar and fill, previous years have been, sweets, cotton wool, balloons).

Any donations will be appreciated.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2023

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June (inclusive) Half-term

Thursday 20th July Graduation

Friday 21st July End of Summer Term

EYPP – Early Years Pupil Premium

This term we will be using the money to subsidise Leap Frog Sports and bring other one off professionals throughout the term. We have had an obstacle bouncy castle and will be having insect lore caterpillars and a visit from Animal Mania who will bring different insects, bugs and hedgehogs to see.

Events

Leap Frog Sports – The children have been learning a different sport each week. They have participated in; Basketball, Hockey, Volleyball, Cricket, Quidditch and Football this half term and will be doing Dodgeball, Athletics, Rounders, Handball, Rugby, Tennis and Team Races (Sports Day) this half term. **The Rising Stars children will need a P.E. bag containing; shorts, top and pumps or trainers to be kept at nursery.**

Animal Mania Bug/Hedgehog Visit – Friday 9th June. Animal Mania will be visiting with a selection of insects, bugs and a hedgehog to develop their understanding of creatures in our environment. They will get to hold and touch the creatures.

Garden Party – Saturday 24th June 11-2. This is our annual 2023 fundraiser for the children, it provides resources and special activities. It's a time when parents and children get together, bring picnic blankets and join in with the fun.

We charge £6 per family to include a bouncy castle, outdoor activities, a treasure hunt and a craft making session (these activities are more suitable for younger children). Other activities include the BBQ (available from 11.30) where you can purchase hot dogs, and burgers, refreshments, including cakes and cold drinks, match the card on the jar, name the animal, bottle tombola, toys and books.

Tickets are now available! (cash please)

Avoncroft Art Society Annual Art Fest – Saturday 8th July . We will be holding a craft stay and play supporting Avoncroft Arts Society. The children will get to experience a variety of different art/craft in the nursery garden. The families can also visit the main hall to see all the displays of art work done by the talented members of the art society. The tickets will cost £1 per child to attend and £1 per person if you would like to see the art work on display in the main hall.

Graduation – Thursday 20th July

Parents of younger children attending a Thursday will be asked to collect their children at 2 '0' clock. We would also ask the parents of children graduating arrive at 2.20 to start the ceremony. Any rising stars children who do not usually attend a Thursday are welcome to join from 12.00 for a leavers party.

Although graduation is on Thursday, we are still open on Friday 21st July. The older children are still welcome to attend as usual on the Friday however it is up to the parents as sometimes it confuses them due to them having already had their leaving party/presents.

Wow Board

Last term the children helped create a 'WOW' board in nursery. It contains stars with achievements the children have met in nursery. The children themselves with their key worker add their own stars to the board.

We are looking to put photo's of achievements from outside of nursery onto the board too. When your child has achieved something i.e. a certificate for dance, using the toilet for the first time, learning a new song etc, please can you send us a photo on Tapestry or email so the children can add it to the board.

Summer Term

During this term the children will be visiting Avoncroft Museum to see the windmill, joining in with Leapfrog Sports, yoga/fitness sessions and watching caterpillars change into butterflies. The children will also get a bug/ hedgehog visit from Animal Mania.

We are concentrating on Physical Education and Healthier Eating, So over the next weeks we will be focussing on exercise and healthy choices.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/healthier-lunchboxes>

We are pleased to announce that part 1 of our renovations are complete. We would like to introduce the new reading pod, benches and painting boards.

Part 2 renovations have started and will include a magic door way and giant wormery. We look forward to introducing them soon!

Tapestry

Every child has a Tapestry account. For all the new children, these will be created when all the registration forms have been returned, before the children start. The parents will then receive an email on how to activate their account.

Tapestry is our online learning journal that allows us to send the parents observations of what they have done at nursery home, and also for you to send photos from home. Last term we were blown away by the number of photo's and achievements sent to us via Tapestry. We would love to continue this. If you go to a special event, any home learning activities, days out and WOW moments or even if the children want to show us something from home, please do not hesitate to send it via Tapestry. The children enjoy showing these photos' during show and tell. We will attach a document showing how to upload an observation. You will receive at least 1 observation a week unless your child is off sick or on holiday. The observation will show a photo of your child playing with a description of what they are doing and EYFS flags of development.

How to upload photos or videos to Tapestry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8>

Weekly Topic

Every week there will be a letter. The children are welcome to bring a toy from home that relates to the letter sound of the week for show and tell. You could also send a photo on Tapestry!

We will be learning about the outdoors, what lives in the environment and their life cycles. We will be having Insect Lore caterpillars for the children to help grow into butterflies to release.

Week 1 – b

Week 2 – j

Week 3 – v

Week 4 – w

Week 5 – z

Week 6 – y

Week 7 – q and x

Home Learning – Letter Sounds

To support the children's learning of letter sounds you could:

- Go on a letter sound treasure hunt in the house/ garden and see how many objects they can find.
- Go on a walk and see how many things they can find of that letter sound.
- Play letter sound 'eye spy' i.e. "I spy with my little eye something beginning with a". Make sure you are saying the phonics sound not the letter itself.

Home Learning - Outdoors

To help support the children understand the outdoors and life cycles, you can:

- Label plants, animals and insects when at home/ outdoors.
- Grow seeds and help them grow.
- Ask them "what's happening"
- "What do you see?"
- Show pictures of plants, animals and insects.
- Listen to what the child says.
- Look at their body language, actions, sounds or words used.

Operation Encompass

We are pleased to say that we are an Operation Encompass nursery. Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between Early Years Settings, schools and Police forces. It means that as a nursery we will be notified when a child has experienced domestic abuse (seeing or hearing), prior to them arriving at nursery. All staff members have been trained but the designated key adult is Heather (Designated Safeguarding Lead), with back up of Natasha (Deputy Safeguarding Lead) when Heather is not available. We believe being a part of this scheme as a nursery will provide the best support to all our children and will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Early Help

At Avoncroft Pre-School Nursery we recognise the challenges that families face in bringing up children. There may be times when you need extra help and support.

Early help is a way of getting extra support when you or your family needs it, but getting it as soon as the difficulties start, rather than waiting until things get worse. Help can come from all kinds of services and organisations who work together to support your family. You might be using some of these services already, but we want to make sure they are providing the right support for you and your family's needs.

It could be that you're worried about your child's health, development or behaviour, or perhaps because you are caring for a disabled child. Maybe your child is affected by domestic abuse, drugs or alcohol. Maybe you have had a bereavement in the family or someone close to your child is ill, or there has been a disruption to your family life and you are worried about the effect on them.

It could be that you yourself find times difficult and need advice with housing, debt, relationships or mental health issues.

If this is the case, please come talk to us. There are many ways our nursery can help and support you and your family.

Useful Links:

[NSPCC - Keeping Children Safe](#)
[Domestic Abuse Support](#)
[Childline](#)
[Alcohol / Drugs abuse](#)
[Emotional Health and Wellbeing](#)
[Mental Health support](#)

[ERIC – Toileting Advice](#)
[Starting Well Partnership](#)
[Child Tax Credit and Childcare Funding](#)
[Early Help Family Support](#)

You can also see our Early Help offer on the nursery website.



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