



Avoncroft Nursery Newsletter



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April 2016 - Welcome to the 'Summer' Term at Nursery and a special 'hello' to all our new children (Amber, Isabella, Jake, Nia and Zak).

Theme

This term our theme is based on the children's interests.

We are focusing on a letter sound each week and reinforcing counting and shapes. We would like to encourage all the children to bring a **labelled toy** or item representing the letter sound of the week or theme for show and tell, starting with the letter 'd' sound.

Week	Date	Letter Sound	Children's Interests
Week 1	11-04-16	d	Free Choice Activities
Week 2	18-04-16	g	Peppa
Week 3	25-04-16	o	Transport
Week 4	02-05-16	u	Doctors, Nurses, Hospitals
Week 5	09-05-16	l	Emergency Services
Week 6	16-05-16	f	Frozen
Week 7	23-05-16	b	Holidays

We are now investigating mini-beasts on a Friday morning for Forest Schools and teaching how to look after plants in the garden.

Photographs

Group and single photographs are being held on Thursday afternoon 23rd June 2016 for the older children and Wednesday 22nd June for the children not going to school. Information will be given nearer the time for children to drop in if they do not usually attend the sessions the photograph are taking part on.

P.E. Sessions for children going to school September 2016 will take place on the rising stars sessions after the Whitsun Break. Each child will need to provide a P.E. Kit, consisting of shorts, T-shirt and pumps/trainers. Please bring and leave on their coat peg. The idea is to help the children gain their independent skills of changing into their P.E. Kit as well as taking part in games, so please **do not** dress them in the P.E Kit to come to the sessions.

Our annual Garden Party is now set for Sunday 15th May 12 'O' clock until 3pm. All parents past, present or future are welcome. The Garden / BBQ is organised so that the parents / carers can socialise, have fun with their families and at the same time raise funds. All proceeds go to the Carol Hughes Heather Harden

children in the form of specialist teachers, toys and equipment. The outdoor area is developing well with the new wooden play house and new chalk boards.

The price of the £6 ticket per family includes, Giant Sand Pit, Face Painting, Craft Table and Garden Games. We are also looking into hiring a bouncy castle.

Each week we will be collecting items, so please search and dispose of unwanted items in our direction.

Week 1 – 11/04/16

(Raffle Prizes)

Week 2 – 18/04/16

(Jar and Bottles)

Week 3 – 25/04/16

(Soft Toys for Teddy Stall)

Week 4 – 02/05/16

(Children's Toys, Books and Jigsaws)

Week 5 – 09/05/16

(Cakes)

Dates for the diary

Photographs

23rd June older children and 22nd June younger children

Garden Party

Sunday 15th May - 12 '0' clock until 3pm

Graduation Ceremony

Thursday 14th July for children going to school September 2016
(End of Summer Term)

Fees

We are constantly aware of the cost of childcare especially as we have to introduce the living wage for our staff from this term. The extra activities are still optional; Charges at present are French £1 and Ingredients 50p (per session). **Each child's attendance at the group is conditional upon continued payment of any necessary fees.**

Early Years Pupil Premium

For the Summer Term 2016 we have been lucky enough to get extra money from the Early Years Pupil Premium to provide different experiences for the children to learn from. These will include outside professionals coming in to support us teaching P.E. Skills at the rising stars sessions.

Fundraising

We have raised £139 so far so that "Animal mania" can visit. Money raised so far comes from the children dressing up for world Book Week, Easter Chocolate and Wine hamper and sale of toddler toys. We have had to close the stay and play sessions due to financial reasons ie the rise in the hourly room rate by the Arts Society.

Safeguarding

All volunteers, trainees or outside professionals brought in to help will have been vetted through the DBS system and will be under direct supervision at all times. The gate will be locked after the children have arrived. Please ring the bell if you need assistance.