



Avoncroft Nursery Newsletter



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April 2019 - Welcome to the 'Summer' Term at Nursery and a special 'hello' to all our new children (Claudia, Jesse, Mollie and Nico).

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 'o' sound.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Letter Sound</u>	<u>Children's Interests</u>
Week 1	29-04-19	o	Holidays
Week 2	06-05-19	u	Peppa Pig
Week 3	13-05-19	l	Transport
Week 4	20-05-19	f	Animals

We are now going to be exploring how to build dens on Friday morning for Forest Schools and planting/ growing our vegetable patch.

This term we are continuing to enhance the outdoor area.

Photographs

Group and single photographs are being held on Thursday 23rd May 2018 for the older children and Wednesday 22nd May 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 2019. This year they will take place on Thursday afternoon starting on Thursday 2nd May. Each child will need to provide a P.E. Kit, consisting of shorts, T-shirt and velcro pumps/trainers (can be any pair of shorts and T-shirt). 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. The younger children on Thursday afternoons, will be taking part in the P.E. sessions, however they do not require a P.E. kit. We are lucky this year to have

professionals from “Paces” to support our sessions. Please follow the link if you require more details. <https://paces.co.uk/> (Tiny Paces).

Our annual Garden Party is set for Sunday 19th May 12 '0' 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 children in the form of specialist teachers, toys, and equipment.

The price of the £6 ticket per family includes, Sand Pit, Tattoo's, Craft Table, Garden Games and bouncy castle.

Each week we will be collecting items, so please search and dispose of unwanted items in our direction. We are looking for your HELP and donations for the following :-

Week 1 – 29/04/19 (Soft Toys for Teddy Stall) (Raffle Prizes) and (Bottles)
Week 2 – 07/05/19 (Good Quality Children's Toys, Books and Jigsaws) and (Fill a Jar)
Week 3 – 13/05/19 (Cakes day before event if possible)

Raffle prizes accepted anytime

Dates for the diary

Garden Party	Sunday 19 th May - 12 '0' clock until 3pm
Photographs	(9.00-10.00) 23 rd May older children and 22 nd May younger children (Class photos at 10.00)
Graduation Ceremony	Thursday 18 th July for children going to school September 2019 (End of Summer Term)
Teacher Training Day	Friday 19 th July

Early Years Pupil Premium

For the Summer Term 2019 we are putting our Early Years Pupil Premium to help subsidise the outside professionals coming in to support us teaching P.E. Skills at the rising stars sessions.

Safeguarding

All volunteers, trainees or outside professionals brought in to help will have been vetted through the DBS system and/or 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.

Vacancies

We are now taking bookings for September 2019 - (we have leaflets you can hand out) please check you have reserved your sessions including rising stars if you are going to school September 2020 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Fees

From Easter we are having to charge an enrichment fee per session, this is due to government funding remaining at £4 per hour and yet staff pay and pensions continue to rise.

The enrichment fee will be;

£1 French (Monday AM)

£1 Music and Movement (Monday PM)

£1. Rising Stars and P.E (Tuesday PM)

£1 Cooking (Wednesday AM)

£1 Messy Play (Wednesday PM)

£1 Rising Stars and P.E (Thursday PM)

£1 Forest Schools (Friday AM)

£1 Beat Baby (Friday PM)

If you attend all day it works out that you pay an additional £2 per day.

Hot Dinners are optional and can be bought at £2.30.

Following Worcestershire County Council guidelines, there will be one child exempt from paying the enrichment fee per term. This child will remain anonymous. This will be determined by the following rules;

1. EYPP (Early Years Pupil Premium) - A child is on EYPP or receiving 2 year old funding.
2. If there is more than 1 child on EYPP or receiving 2 year old funding, the name will be drawn from a hat.
3. If there are no children on EYPP or receiving 2 year old funding, all the children's names will be put in a hat and drawn to see what child will receive the exemption.

The enrichment fees, will allow us to cover our overheads, allow us to give the children different experiences to learn from, and give us the opportunity to bring outside teachers in.

Please speak to Heather or Natasha if you have any concerns.