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End of Summer Term 2024

## Newsletter No 10 2023-2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Message from the Headteacher

Have a happy and safe summer.



### End of Year Questionnaire

Thank you to those of you who have completed and returned the questionnaires. You should have received 2 questionnaires, one for parents/ carers and one for pupils. If you missed a questionnaire there are spare copies in the entrance hall. With this in mind I have extended the deadline to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm



If you have not yet returned your questionnaires yet please do so as soon as possible.

### Governor Health and Safety Visit

On 4<sup>th</sup> July one of our governors completed a Health and Safety walk, as well as reviewing the Health and Safety policy. The site was safe and children well cared for. We continue to work on improvements. One of the actions was for parents/ carers to date when they sign against an incident recorded in the first aid log so for those parents/ carers returning in September we would be grateful if you could help with this.



### Governor English as an Additional Language Monitoring Visit

On 10<sup>th</sup> July our chair of governors came to undertake a visit to see how we support our children with English as an Additional Language. This was a very positive visit, and the findings are shared below:

#### Quality of Education

- ✓ There was a positive learning environment
- ✓ Adults were all engaged in activities across the garden
- ✓ Staff were observed appropriately supporting English as an Additional Language (EAL) by:

- Modelling
- Speaking slowly and articulating clearly
- Simplifying language
- Using gestures and pointing
- Using context clues
- Using exaggerated facial expressions
- Repeating language



- ✓ Children were seen to be happy and engaged and were seen:
  - Observing
  - Using simple phrases
  - Independently accessing resources
  - Understanding simple instructions
  - Using gestures
  - Using context clues
  - Smiling and giggling
  - Instigating interactions
  - Engaged in sustained play
  - Using new vocabulary (colour names, number names, animal names)
  - Speaking English to a friend when unaware they were being observed
  - Using extended phrases
  - Happy to approach adults for help & being able to make their needs known
  - Joining in with repeating language/ sounds in a story

## Behaviour and Attitudes

- ✓ There were outstanding relationships between adults and children and children and children
- ✓ Learning was being enjoyed
- ✓ There were high levels of engagement; all children were involved in learning whether with an adult or not

## Personal Development

- ✓ There were high levels of independence e.g. children making choices
- ✓ Children with different cultures & languages were learning together harmoniously
- ✓ Children with needs were sensitively supported

We are going to work on using prepositions.

## Sponsored Bounce

Thank you so much for the Sponsored Bounce money returned to Nursery. So far we have raised £562.15. The money is being used to buy new furniture for Nursery. If you still have any money at home please send it in by the end of term.



## Toddler Group Reminder

The last Toddler group of the year took place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. There is no Toddler group over the summer holidays. The first toddler group of the new year is being held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 1.00-2.30pm.



## Ark Farm Visit

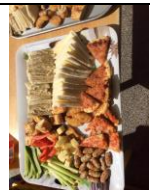
What a fabulous experience we had when the farm came to school. Children were given a talk about the animals and then had a hands on experience touching and petting them. Children met and learnt about donkeys, sheep, goats, ducks, hens and rabbits, not forgetting the farm dog!

The children behaved so well and were very gentle. One of our governors visited that day and was very pleased to see how well the visit went.



## Teddy Bear's Picnic

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> we had a wonderful time at our teddy bears picnic! Children came together on banquet tables with their teddies to enjoy a delicious savoury and sweet picnic with music. Thank you for the generous donations of food. The children will continue to enjoy extra snacks at snack time until the end of term.



## Leavers Assembly Reminder

Don't forget on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July we are holding our Leavers Assembly at 11.00am for children in the morning session and 2.30pm for children attending in the afternoon. If your child is in the 30-hour class, please come to the session which fits your work pattern. (You are very welcome to attend if your child is returning in September too!) Children will be singing you some special songs they have learnt and children are awarded with their leavers certificate and medal. If your child leaves Nursery before this date there is a mini- celebration and presentation to them in their class.



## Snakes and Ladders New Scool Starters Events

Please see the attached photo



## Dunstable Children's Centre

Please see the attached timetable for the children's Centre for the summer holidays.



## Swimming

Please see the attached poster from Ardley Hill & Beechwood Park



## Understanding Emotions and Behaviour of Children that are Neurodiverse (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

See the attached poster for workshops being run in the Autumn Term



## Understanding and exploring 'masking behaviours' of children that are Neurodiverse (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

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## Where to eat

See the attached poster for places where children can eat for free or £1 during the summer holidays



## English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses and qualifications

See poster attached and click the link for the timetable of courses

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/english-courses>

### Key Dates

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Last day of summer term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September- Returning children first day of autumn term

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September- First Toddler group

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September- New children start

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September- McMillan Coffee Morning 8.45-9.45am & 12.30-1.30pm Please join us for cake!

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest celebration (children only)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October- Parents reading to children 8.45-9.15am & 12.30-100pm

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November Half Term- Nursery closed



### Term Dates

19.07.24 Last day of Summer Term

04.09.24-19.12.24 Autumn Term

28.10.24-01.11.24 Half term Nursery closed

