



Stars Bushfield Newsletter - July 2018

Just need to say.....

We are so overwhelmed by the lovely gifts, thank-you cards and wishes for the future you have given us as the end of term has approached. We all feel that simply 'THANK-YOU' seems inadequate, but we do really appreciate everything you have said and the wonderful gifts. We are truly inspired to keep going to make this the best Nursery for this community that we can, and you have supported us all so well. Good luck to all our wonderful well behaved motivated learners we are sending to school in September too we know you will make us all so proud.

Rabbits

As you know as a reward for the children earning so many super duper awards we were going to buy the children a Rabbit and we are still going to do this, but we didn't realise that we need to almost order them as they are in such demand. We also need to ensure we have them inoculated and micro-chipped etc. It is best if we get two as they are sociable animals and it is recommended. We also are very aware that with the temperatures soaring we would have very hot bunnies to deal with and so we have delayed getting them until the heat wave is over. The children are still being rewarded for being kind, listening, good learning and tidying up.

Sun cream

As the heatwave seems to be continuing for the foreseeable future we would like to remind parents that children need to have sun cream applied to help protect their skin. They also must have a hat with them at Nursery at all times and as such we are happy for you to leave a hat at the nursery for continuous use. We cannot take children outside without a hat. Following advice from NHS it is also advisable to protect children's shoulders from the sun so please remember either to put on tops that have capped sleeves or provide a cardigan to cover the shoulder area, again we are happy for you to leave one in a bag at nursery. It takes a long time to cover all the children in sun cream twice a day and prevents them being able to go out from the start of a session can we please request that you put sun cream on your children before bringing them and let the staff member know so they mark on the sheet that your child is protected. It is also possible to buy once a day sun cream, so your child would be protected all day from the sun. We currently are not taking children outside between the hours of 11am and 3pm as it is too hot, and we do not want to risk sunburn or heat stroke.

Next terms Focus Story

Next terms focus book will be The Little Red Hen and the children will be taking part in activities linked to the story and this will be the core story covering the literacy area of learning. The book is about a little hen who asks her friends to help her to plant seeds she has found but they were all too busy to help the story develops and she asks her friends lots of time to help she eventually makes bread from her corn she grows and when she asks them if they would help her eat the bread they all said yes but she says no I will eat my bread. It is a good moral story and encourages children to help their friends and about growing so we have a lot to share with them and you. If you share the story at home and discuss this at home too it will support learning.

Shoes

Please could we request that your child's shoes are closed toes shoes such as a trainer or pumps to ensure that they can play safely outside without the hazard of tripping and hurting their toes. The children have different surfaces to play on at Nursery both inside and outside and closed toes shoes means they can play safely on all surfaces and the shoes give a better balance when using balance equipment and climbing apparatus.

Jewellery

Another area of concern is children wearing jewellery to Nursery. We are aware that for some cultures and religions this may hold a significant meaning to you or your child and we respect this. We are however requesting that the jewellery can be limited to small earrings on all children. Bracelets or anklets if on a baby or a young child can be covered by a sock or longer sleeves to hide it or at least cover. Babies and children have interests in things that are bright or make sounds and they will be drawn to jewellery which if accidentally pull could cause harm to a child.

Bags

Children's bags and spare clothing need to be labelled with your child's name, so we can easily identify who the clothing, bags, hats, shoes, wellies belong too. When a popular theme such as paw patrol hits the market 12 children could all have the same item all desperately claiming it to be theirs. This makes it very difficult for the staff member who is trying to remember who wore that hat on a particular day. Items clearly named makes life easy. The name of your child on the outside of their bag really helps us too. We will be putting a bag holder near the coat hangers soon, so you can put their bag in a pigeon hole and then just the coats on the pegs hopefully this will help you too.

Family books

Sharon asked if you are in the baby room she would still like parents to bring in family photos to make a book about your baby's family it is lovely to share.