

May 2016 Newsletter



Dear Parents

Welcome to our May/June Newsletter with lots of information to share regarding dates, events and changes. June is such a lovely time of year as we have many exciting events and activities going on. However, the biggest change has to be the gorgeous weather! Please ensure that your child comes to nursery well prepared for the sunshine, with appropriate clothing, footwear and a sunhat. Unless you request otherwise, we will continue to apply our sun cream.

We have been thoroughly enjoying the start of our warmer weather and Spring is such an exciting time for the children to observe nature and the beginning of new life. Here are some gorgeous photos of our pre-school children exploring wildlife...both whilst out at forest school and here at the Nursery...



Our Blossoms staff and children created a lovely jungle role play corner for the children, based on the story 'There's a Rumble in the Jungle'. The children contributed to the role play by creating pictures and mobiles and talking about their favourite jungle animals. Staff read them stories, acted out animal roles and enjoyed familiar nursery rhymes. One particular favourite is 'Down in the Jungle'. As part of our role play, we projected images of jungle animals on the wall during a slide show. The children got very excited to see their favourite animals enlarged on the wall...



Important dates for diaries:

Please remember that the Nursery is closed on bank holiday Monday (30th May) and will re-open at 8.00am on Tuesday 31st May.

On the very subject of opening hours, we are delighted to announce that we are revising our opening times. Following on from feedback we received during our recent questionnaires, our new opening time will be **7.30am** from Monday 6th June. This is a big change for all of us at Orchard Day Nursery, so we are going to offer this new service and review it at the end of August. The cost for 7.30am-8.00am is £3.00 per session and will be on a pre-booking service only. This will be to enable us to plan for enough staff. If you would like to book your child in for a 7.30am session, please email us to confirm days and dates on info@orcharddaynursery.com



♥ Father's Day ♥

We are aware that a special day is approaching on the Sunday 19th June and know that the children will be very busy creating some suitably lovely surprises for that special man in their life!



It is also the Queen's official birthday on the 11th June, so we are planning for a big party to help celebrate both occasions. We are going to have a garden party and open up our gardens for our staff, children and of course you! This event will be on Friday 17th June at 3.30pm. If the weather is fine and settled (and Friday is not your normal day of attendance) you are very welcome to bring a blanket and picnic and join us for the party. If the weather looks compromising then we will make a plan for the party being indoors for children and families who attend Friday only. More information to follow...

Parents Evening for the following rooms will be on Tuesday 19th July from 6.30pm...

- Pips
- Blossoms
- Red Apples

The staff will plan and prepare a report in advance of the parents evening to discuss and review with you. Therefore this parents evening will be 1:1 appointments with your child's key person in 10 minute slots. Leading up to the date, staff will pop a timetable on the door to your room so you can pick a time that is suitable for you. Should you wish to book a separate time (during our opening hours) please speak to a staff member to see if this can be arranged.

School Leaver News...

Please be aware that the last day of term and final pre-school session for the summer will be on Friday 22nd July. Whilst we are super excited for the children and know that they are looking forward to their 'BIG' school adventure, we do find the transition time to be an emotional one!! If you have not booked a slot to come in and meet with your child's key person on our parents evening (Thursday 23rd June), please book a time as soon as possible. Staff in Green Apples will finalise transition forms with you at the parents evening prior to sharing these with your child's school.



Our lovely Nursery photographer 'Deborah Hurst' will be coming in on Thursday 2nd June to take a class photo of all of our school leavers. Please bring your child in at 10.00am so they can be included in Green Apples leaver photo. In addition Debbie will take individual photos of the children in graduation gowns (if you like.) These will all be available for purchase very soon.

Our school leaver party will be on Wednesday 20th July from 1.30pm. More details will follow regarding timings and what we need to organise in event of the party. Please be advised that there will be no pre-school sessions in Green Apples on the 20th, morning or afternoon, to ensure a 'hands-on' approach for the party.

Staff News:

There are some very exciting changes coming up that we would like to inform you about. Firstly we are delighted to welcome Elaine Aston to our team. Elaine was a teacher at Trinity School for fifteen year and brings lots of experience and expertise. Elaine will be starting with us on Monday 6th June and joins our Green Apples class. Elaine will be taking over as key person for Jen Sims' children from week commencing 13th June as Jen will leading forest school sessions Monday - Friday from 13th June. We will give out a letter to all Red and Green Apples confirming all of the details shortly.

We are also very happy to announce that Kirsty Albin is increasing her working hours to 30 per week in our Blossoms room. Therefore Hannah Burnell will be joining the Red Apples team as part of these changes. Sheila will advise you of any changes to the key groups over the coming weeks.

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Harriet from our Pips room and wish her oodles of luck on the Isle Of Wight. Welcome to Ellie Powell, who starts in our Pips room on Monday 13th June.

