

Orchard Day Nursery April Newsletter 2016



Dear Parents,

Welcome to your copy of the April Newsletter. What a fantastic month we have had- we have had the excitement of the chicks, Easter bonnet parade, and celebrating Mothers Day by creating lovely cards & gifts.

We have lots of information to share with you about upcoming events, but before we do let's have a look at some of the fantastic things all of the rooms have been getting up to!

Pips

Pips would like to welcome Zachary, Harrison and Amelia in to the room, who are all settling in so well. Our 'older' babies in the room are being super caring, giving our little ones lots of cuddles and even helping to care for them!!



The staff in Pips would like to thank you, for sending in a photograph (or selfie) for our Mothers Day display- in fact it is so cute that we just don't want to take it down!

Pips are very excited as now the weather is getting warmer they are able to have their fire door open; this enables free flow between indoors and outdoors. The children enjoy making the choice of what they would like to do, and selecting different toys to take outside with them.



Blossoms

Blossoms team would like to welcome Emily W, Scarlett, Harry, Rowan, Olivia & Roxanna, who are all settling beautifully! The older children are, as always, helping and being really kind to our newest members of the room.

They have been having such a lovely time this past month, getting creative and enjoying lots of messy play out (their favourite!!)



The Blossoms team have created a new role play area for the children. It started off as a doctor's surgery and has recently turned it in to a 'shop'. The children enjoy using the different resources to create their very own little play independently, and with their friends.

Blossoms staff have treated their children to a trip to the park a couple of times this month. We are so excited that now the summer season is arriving, we can venture out in to the village a little more. The children enjoyed playing in the swings, on the slide and having a little snack too.



Red Apples

Red Apples team would like to give a warm welcome to Evie H, Sophia, Henry, Elliott, Amelia & Rose.

Red Apples have had such a fun and exciting past month, they recently had an adventure on the playing field; they found some ladybirds, spiders and even a deer- how amazing!

The children have been making some wonderful bird feeders; they took them home for the birds to enjoy!



They mixed the ingredients and created their very own feeder- well done Red Apples!

Green Apples

Green Apples would like to give warm welcome to Thomas K, Oliver, Oscar & Evie, who have all settled beautifully and are having such a fantastic time in the room.

The children had a fantastic time celebrating Holi festival this year. They used lots of paints to make a colourful picture, the children used empty sprays to make a great effect and others decided to use pipettes.



Green Apples created their very own spring garden; each day they added different items of their choice, water & soil, dinosaurs and flowers are just some examples. They decided it needed to be watered each day too; they had a fantastic time, thinking of different ideas.



Chicks

We have had such an 'egg-citing' last month, we were so fortunate to have 9 of our 10 eggs hatch, and the children were even lucky enough to watch them hatch too!

It was such a wonderful experience for the children, each room has created their own Easter/chick display. We were super impressed with the children's confidence, they were happy to stroke and even hold the chicks.





We are so pleased to say that 3 of our chicks have gone to live with Elijah and Milah at their house. They are creating a wonderful home for them outside and will be enjoying their yummy eggs for breakfast. We will keep you updated with photos as they get bigger!

The other 5 chicks have gone together to live on a farm, where they have lots of land and other chickens to play with.

Healthy Body Happy Me Week!

Week commencing: 18th April 2016

Monday is 'Big Breakfast'- we would like to welcome in Mummy's, Daddy's, brothers and sisters to come and enjoy a healthy breakfast with us, if your children attend a Monday session. Breakfast will be between 8- 8.30, or if you are in a rush feel free to take something and 'eat on the run'. Please could you let us know so we can work out, from a numbers point of view.

Tuesday is 'Healthy Teeth'- We have invited Samantha Loveless (Finnley and Darcey's Mummy) as she is a dental assistant, she will be coming in to talk about the importance of cleaning our teeth.

Wednesday is 'Danceathon' we will be doing musical statues, musical bumps and lots of dancing. For the little ones we will do lots of singing during circle times and singing their favourite 'big stories'.

Thursday is 'Gardening' we are already planning different activities; we will be doing some planting outside. We have some strawberry and poppy seeds to plant, so it will be great for the children to watch them grow.

Friday is 'Story Sharing' we would like to invite Grandparents to come in and read some stories to the children. We are hoping to do this around 10am, please let us know if any nannies, grandmas or granddads would like to join us; of course mummy & daddy's are very welcome too!

I would just like to mention that these activities will apply for the children that are due in on the day; however if you share a real interest in one of the days, please do come and let us know and we'll see what we can do! 😊

We have some exciting news which will involve some staff changes in Green Apples to share with you:

We believe that Forest School is a very positive experience for children, giving them access to the great outdoors, a number of ponds for pond dipping, a sandy quarry, tree climbing, den building, and animal habitat, recognition, and plenty of opportunity for learning and development in all areas of learning. Forest School offers children the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves, to explore & discover and to choose



and initiate their own learning. Planning and evaluation of the sessions demonstrates that children are experiencing regular successes essential for promoting high self-esteem and are developing positive relationships with each other during the sessions as well as developing a strong, positive relationship with their natural world. It's hardly surprising that the children who have been on Forest School sessions are asking for more!



We would like to extend our provision of Forest School, so from Monday 13th June 2016, Jenny Sims is taking on a dedicated Forest School role, enabling children from both Red and Green Apples to have regular sessions in the forest. Sessions are for small groups and will take place during the morning or afternoon. Jenny will be in touch with parents of the first groups soon, to tell you a bit more about the sessions and to let you know which day your child will attend.

Congratulations to Katherine Woodland who has been promoted to supervisor of Green Apples, she will take over Jenny's role in planning and delivering the curriculum for children who are going to 'big school' in September. Katherine will continue to be supported by Chloe, Amelia and a new member of the team.....

We are delighted to announce that Elaine Aston is joining the Green Apples team! Elaine has worked as a teacher at Trinity School since it opened in 2001, and has particular expertise in reception and the early years. Elaine will be a fantastic addition to the team, helping the children prepare for their transition to first school. She will be working during term time only and I'm sure you will join us in making her feel very welcome at Orchard.

Huge congratulations to Paige & Jess for completing their NVQ level 2. They have both worked really hard, working fantastically well at nursery and then completing their coursework in their spare time. On behalf of everyone at Orchard- well done ladies!

Car park reminder

As a little reminder the school barriers now close between 7.45 - 9.00am, this will mean that during the morning drop off you will not have access to the car park, and will need to use the surrounding roads outside of the nursery.

The car park will be available at lunch time as normal, and the car park will continue to close at the same time in the afternoon between 2.30- 3.10.

Kind Regards,

Hannah & the Orchard team x