

The Fields Newsletter

May 2021

Hi all. We had a great start to the Summer Term with a visit from Ark Farm. Just to update you all, we have now federated with Cambridge Nursery Federation – this is Colleges and Brunswick Nurseries – the children and yourselves won't see many changes as the majority of the federation is related to our Governing Body and the leadership of the Nursery. The Leadership will not change until September. If you have any questions, please do come and see me. Thanks Ruth

Messages

DIARY DATES

<u>May</u> 14 th	Pyjamarama Day! Wear PJ's!
28 th	Training Day – Nursery Closed
31 st May - 4 th June Half term	
<u>June</u> 7 th	Children return to Nursery
<u>July</u> 22 nd	Last day of term
<u>Sep</u> 1 st	Term starts – Individual start dates for all children
3 rd	Training Day
<u>Oct</u> 22 nd 25 th – 29 th	Training Day Half Term

Attendance is important:

I know this year has been difficult but now, we are fully open, it is important to remember young children need routine and it will sometimes make it difficult for them if the attendance is sporadic. We monitor all attendance. Children who have a high attendance (more than 98%) benefit from accessing all our learning opportunities. We are more than happy to support you with advice and guidance if your child is finding coming to school difficult.



Ark Farm came to visit us in April and the children had a lovely day seeing the animals. This experience was made possible from the funds made from the Easter Raffle and we'd like to say a big THANK YOU for supporting us and making such a great day happen for the children.

Some of the children talked about the animals for days afterwards.

One child said "I loved the donkey so much I hugged him"

Another child liked "dogs" the best and someone else liked the "donkey" too.



Health and Well-being

Sickness and/or diarrhea: you will know that children are often prone to increased illnesses during certain times of the year. It is paramount that we limit the spread of any illness. Our sickness policy clearly states that children show be completely clear of vomiting and diarrhea for 48 hours from their last bout. Please respect our policy for the sake of other children and our staff. A copy of our sickness policy is available on the website. If you child has a temperature they have to be fever free for 24 hours.

Covid -19

The coronavirus is still within the community and will be for the foreseeable future. It is therefore very important you are following the national guidelines. If you, your child or anyone within your household feel unwell with covid symptoms please self-isolate and book a test immediately and then inform us of the result. We want to continue to stay open as much as possible, however we may have to close certain rooms if we have positives cases.

Pyjamarama Day Friday 14th May!

Wear your pyjamas all day at nursery!
£1 donation to Booktrust greatly appreciated.

Resources

If you have borrowed any resources during lockdown, can you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Under 3's - Cherry Information:

We are settling some new children in this term and welcome them to Cherry! With new children comes new friendships and we will focus on this as well as strengthening our existing friendships involving sharing toys and looking out for each other in nursery.

We will be planting sunflower seeds inside and watch as they grow. If you have planted some seeds or flowers inside or outside we would love for you to share with us.

Those that have started toilet training will be supported with this, please remember to bring plenty of spare clothing.

As always, please speak to your keyworker if you have any concerns.

Over 3's - Willow Information

Spring time brings lots to see and talk about in the outside world; blossoms on trees, very loud birds! In Willow we are focusing on growth. We have already found frogs and newts in our grassed area and we will be observing our tadpoles and how they grow and turn into frogs. We have also set up a bird watching area to see what birds are nesting in the trees in the nearby forest. It's time to plant vegetables; our potato plants are growing and we are soon sowing some other seeds too, such as sunflowers, peas and carrots. By encouraging children to look they can talk about what they see and mark make. Also recording sounds of birds, dabbing paint on paper to make blossoms, drawing a worm.... Are you growing anything at home maybe? If you can send us a picture of something that grows in your house or garden, or from something you have seen on a walk, or maybe your pet, we would love to see them!

We will be extending imaginative play outdoors with car washes and pirate ships, bird hides and ice cream stalls... Learning about the festival of Eid which several of our children will be celebrating at the end of Ramadan. Stories that focus on exploring numbers, counting grouping finding out how many more...less and taking this into the children's play how many magpies are on the field or ice creams do we need for everyone!

Nearer the half term we are going on a bear hunt in the grassed area using the story to get physical going up, down, over, through challenges making lots of unusual sounds (as you do) whee wobble wobble, to find our bear!

We will be beginning to focus our observations each week on chosen children and will invite you to share with us your observations and photos of them at home

We will look forward to talking to you about all the wonderful learning we observe

In circle and key times we will be talking about and learning to recognise our feelings and how to support each other when we face challenges to them. This also helps us to understand and think about what a friend is and how friends play together.

For children going to school in September 2021 – please remember to confirm your place with your school.



Parking

Parking on the curbs, the grass or in the disabled bay is not permitted!

Please drive and park sensibly whilst on site.

If the car park is busy please park off site (where there is ample parking). If you see a car parked please alert reception and take the registration number. We will have no other option than to review parking arrangements if it continues.

Thank you for your understanding!

Late fees

Any lateness will result in a fine. The fine is £10 for every 5 minutes late.

Spare Clothes

As outdoor play is an essential part of our curriculum the children need to be warm, therefore they need to have at least 2 sets of spare clothes on their peg each day (all of which should be clearly labelled with your child's name)

30 hours funding

If you are entitled to 30 hours of education/care, it is your responsibility as a parent/carer to make sure you claim for the code every term. Failure to do this will mean your hours will be reduced or we will charge you for any hours over the universal 15 hours entitlement.

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