



## Nursery Newsletter May 2019

We hope you all had a lovely Easter, and we hope you had the opportunity to have a long weekend 😊

Please find below dates for your diaries that the children will be participating in this month:

**People who help us month:** We are very excited to be having people who help us as our focus this month – having visits from the fire brigade, police and ambulance 😊 All events will take place on our front driveway where children will be closely supervised by staff 😊 More info to follow.

**Life Cycles:** Our Eggs are still with us and we have carefully been looking after them to keep their temperature perfect – our Eggs are due to hatch 24th – 25<sup>th</sup> April, so we are all very excited. We are having a great time sharing these experiences with the children who have all been fabulous in helping us take care of our growing creatures. We will also have another life cycle to share soon – so keep your eyes peeled 😊

**April Next Steps:** You will be receiving your child's individual next steps shortly if you have not already – these are to show you what we are working on in each area of learning. If you wish to discuss anything, please feel welcomed to talk to your child's key person. A reminder that there are green parent/carer observation slips around the nursery if you notice any "wow" moments at home – we would love you to complete these so we can include them in your child's learning journal.

**All about me photos:** Lots of you have brought these in now which has been so lovely to see. If you still haven't managed to pop in any photos from home, please don't panic – but if you are able over the next week or so we would greatly appreciate it.

**The friendly fish outings:** We have had an amazing start to our outings last week – We hope you enjoyed seeing the photos of our adventures to the Beach on Facebook. We will now be making outings a regular occurrence within our Rising Stars room, of course you will still be informed when we will be going on an outing. We will over the next month or so be visiting different places, such as the library and if we can the fire station and even the Fish Mongers on the sea front 😊

**Schools 😊** – For those of our Rising star's that are leaving us to start school this September, there is a sheet within preschool for you to let us know what school your child is going to. This will help us with knowing where each child is transitioning to, but also for you to know who your child may be going to school with 😊 We hope you have all been happy with your School allocations, if you have any concerns please speak to Natalie.

**THIS IS A CONTINUED IMPORTANT REMINDER: Late Collections** Please, please can we send a final, polite request that if your child finishes Nursery at 1pm, you arrive before 1pm to collect your them and receive a good hand over. We had an occasion last week where 6 children were going home at 1pm, all 6 were collected late – this has a huge impact on staff breaks and then an impact on the start of the PM session at 1.30.

I'm afraid that from now on we will be issuing late collection fees if parents/carers arrive past 1pm – or indeed past your agreed collection time for your child if this is different from 1pm. Our late collection fee is £5 for anything up to 5 minutes late, and a £1 a minute there after. Please understand – our late fees are steep, and we are aware of this, however, we have sent reminders, polite requests and spoken to individuals for the past two months, so this really is a last resort for us. We thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation to collect within the session times.

Please continue to **take off your muddy boots** if needed when coming in – some of you have been super star's doing this and it is much appreciated 😊

\*\*\*Please remember to sign your child in and out of the register every day\*\*\*

### **Continued Reminders**

**Named clothes:** Please continue to ensure that your child's belongings are named 😊

**\*\*As per the sun hat and sun cream memo – please can you all ensure that your child has a new factor 50, sun cream brought in named along with a named sun hat – both that can be kept here.** Please remember for our Sunny days (I'm sure they will be with us very soon!) that you **MUST** apply sun cream before sending your child into nursery, we will of course re-apply during the day as needed\*\*

**Dates for your 2019 Diary:**

**Christmas Shut Down Week 2019:** We will be closed the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (inclusive of bank holidays).

**Bank Holiday Closures:** Next on May: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 & 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Term Time Families only:** May Half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Inclusive. Returning to Nursey 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

**Fee Payment – is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month** – Please ensure that your invoices are paid by the payment date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month for that month. Your co-operation and timely payments are much appreciated,

Kindest Regards, Natalie & The Friendly Fish Team.

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