



## APRIL/MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

We have settled back in well after the Easter break and we're looking forward to the warmer weather that the Summer term will bring. Thank you again for our Easter cakes, chocolate and flowers! We were thoroughly spoilt and touched by your kindness.

### **A photos of the fun at nursery!**



*Easter baking*



*Garden exploration*



*Making sandcastles*



*Rebuilding the Bug hotel*

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### **Being prepared for the sun!**

As the weather starts to warm up please can you ensure that footwear remains appropriate for an active nursery session. They need comfortable, well fitting (don't slip off easily as sandals/crocs might) and with closed toe shoes to protect their feet when they are running and using the climbing equipment in the garden. We recommend **trainers** or **canvas shoes** such as doddles or plimsolls for the warmer months. If we feel your child's footwear is unsuitable for the climbing equipment (open toed sandals/flipflops/crocs) we unfortunately will not allow them to play on it for their own safety. Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are named.

### **Sun cream**

Now we are into the summer term, please ensure that your child has **sun cream applied each day before they come to the** nursery to protect them whilst we are using the outside areas. On particularly sunny days we will reapply sun cream using our nursery bottle (factor 50 Nivea children's cream). If you would prefer us to apply sun cream from home, please bring in a small named bottle (which only be used if we feel we need to top up the sun cream applied before nursery). Thank you.

### **Summer leavers**

Once you have received confirmation of your child's place at school or nursery, please can you drop Sandra/Sarah an email or let your child's keyworker know the name of the new setting. We use this information to help with your child's transition to their new setting as well as inviting reception schoolteachers in to the nursery to meet your children. We have already started this process, so please get in touch with us as soon as you know your child's new setting.

### **Extended sessions from September**

This September, we are opening our extended sessions to all children in who are in receipt of the 15 funded hours due to low numbers of children currently accessing the extended sessions (rather than just children moving to reception the following September). If you haven't yet requested extended hours but would like to for your child, please let us know (via email). At the moment, the number of children registered to attend are very low, particularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If we do not have enough interest on these days, we will unfortunately have to cancel the sessions until January. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Comments and Suggestions**

We always welcome any comments and suggestions you have with regards to the nursery. We are happy to receive these in person, via the comments and suggestions box kept in the porch or please email us. If you would prefer to give us anonymous feedback please feel free to use our nursery letter box which we check and empty daily.



### **2022/2023 Term Dates**

We have set the 2022/2023 term dates. They are attached to the email sent with the newsletter.

### **Class 2020/2021 Photo**

We have arranged for a group photo to take place on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am**. All children are welcome to be a part of the photograph so if your child doesn't usually attend nursery on a Wednesday, please can you bring them along to the secret garden at 9.30am. The children will be taken in the secret garden but we will ask parents to remain out of sight by the barn please until the photo is complete. Wednesday children should be dropped off at the nursery at 9.20am as normal.



### **Parent meetings**

Your child's keyworker has been reviewing their progress over the last term and creating assessment observations on the Family app. They will also give you the opportunity for a parent chat (in person or by phone are options). Please let your child's keyworker know if you would like a catch up and they will arrange a date and time for you.

### **Save the date!**

We have pencilled in Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July for our leavers picnic this year. We are working out the final details for the event this year to ensure it is covid safe. As soon as we have a plan, we will send out the information to the families who are leaving us this summer.

### **Dates for your diaries**

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the Summer term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Group 'class' Photo 2021/2022
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day - <b>nursery closed</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day – <b>nursery closed</b> (in lieu of B/H 2 <sup>nd</sup> June)
<i>(Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1.45pm to 2.30pm)</i>	<i>(New starter/keyperson session)</i>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Graduation Picnic – details to be confirmed
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of the Summer Term. <b>Session ends at 12.20pm. No Lunch needed.</b>

All the team at Westmill Nursery