

SPRING IS HERE, LET THE PLANTING COMMENCE!

Dear parents and carers,

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter and a lovely few days together!

Enjoying Spring time!

The first half of this term we will be looking and learning about spring time, the weather, life-cycles and how things around us grow and change.

The children will be planting seeds, flowers and vegetables with the staff in the garden and also helping with the weeding!

On Tuesday 10th May we invite parents to bring a plant or two with them to plant with the children for a morning of gardening. If you would like to join us please speak with a member of staff.

Story of the Month

As we have been spending lots of time in the garden the children have shown an interest in bugs so our story this month will be 'The Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

Manager hand over

You will all be pleased to hear that there has been a smooth hand over of the management of the Preschool from Tracy Willett to Tracey Wrench.

Tracy Willett will be leading the Club every morning and afternoon. Tracey Wrench will manage across both sites and will now be working even closer with Kim and Sian, the Deputy's,



Pre-school Newsletter, April/ May 2016

the Pre-school team and the children.

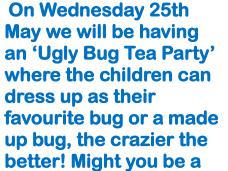
Happy Birthday to!!!



Emily 18th
Jamie 26th

Ethan - 17th Summer - 26th Jenny - 10th

We hope you have a lovely birthday!



ladybird or a bee?

As we welcome new children and their families to the nursery we like to learn all about you as we get to know you all. We also ask for family photos from you so please bring them in. The staff also have an 'All about me' form and you will be given this once your child's key person has been confirmed. Please see Danielle's below so that you know what to expect.

All about me!



Hi, my name is Danielle and I am your child's key worker and Tulips Room Leader. I thought you might like to know something about me.

I am NVQ level 3 qualified in childcare. I also have first aid and foundation level in safeguarding children. I have worked with and around children ever since I left school in 2006. I started working in a soft play adventure playground with children of all ages. I then progressed to work in a nursery where I completed and passed my level 2 and 3 in childcare, helping them to learn and progress in their own ways.

I enjoy going on long walks and spending time with my family and friends. My favourite food is a good old fashioned roast dinner.

Happy St George's Day everyone!

We will be celebrating England's National Day around the 23rd of April.

Next steps for your child

It has been proven that when nurseries and parents work together children can develop and learn and progress rapidly. We plan to share your child's next steps with you in a more formal way.

Our trials for our new form to share the children's next steps with parents have been extremely well received and successful. We have been given some useful feedback and will be sending them out for all children over the next few weeks. Your child's key person will explain how this will help support your child and help you continue their learning at home.

It is important to us that you continue to give us your views and feedback especially on what you have noticed your child doing and new things they are learning as this all contributes to their learning and development.

Save the date Calne Carnival date 25th June!

Very soon we will need a named sun cream and a hat for every child.

If you go on holiday remember to send us a postcard for our travel board! Sunny Bear is always looking for new adventures so why not take him too!

Safeguarding Policy Update

We would like to draw your attention to our Safeguarding policy and the updates that we have made. Some updates are made due to legislation from the Government. The policies and procedures ensure that your children stay safe whilst in our care

The Prevent Duty is about preventing radicalisation. The guidance has been written to ensure that we all have an awareness and understanding of how to identify individual children who may be at risk and what to do to support and protect them. All of our staff are completing training to recognise who may be at risk and how to refer concerns appropriately.

The British Values are written below:

- Democracy: making decisions together
- Rule of law: understanding rules matter as cited in Personal Social and Emotional development
- 3. Individual liberty: freedom for all
- Mutual respect and tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated

They are already embedded through our nursery routines and procedures. We continue to support the children to learn about them throughout our daily routines. We have made a display in each setting to demonstrate how they become aware of them and learn about their importance. This will form the foundation for the children to continue to learn about themselves and others in the future.