

SUFFIELD PARK NURSERY NEWSLETTER

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A Message From the Nursery Team...

We are having an extremely exciting and busy Summer Term so far. As many of you will know, Seaview Pre-School closed suddenly earlier in the year leaving many families without much needed childcare and education for their children. As a result, and with the support of the county early years team we have been able to increase our occupancy, as well as enhancing the quality of our existing nursery provision. This has ensured that children, many of whom start school this September have access to a Nursery place during this crucial term and of course, beyond for the younger children.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the families joining us this term and say a huge thank you to our existing families for being so patient and understanding during this period of change for the Nursery. We have been extremely fortunate to be able to appoint six excellent Nursery Assistants to join our team who have already developed lovely relationships with the children and are settling in well.

The most significant changes are that we now have sixteen 2 year old places available in The Coral Reef (increasing from twelve) and an additional fifteen 3-4 year old places. We have reduced the number of 3-4 years olds in The Deep Blue Sea from forty to thirty-two and opened 'The Lagoon' downstairs with space for up to twenty-three 3-4 year olds. Children going to school in September are spending their time between The Deep Blue Sea and The Lagoon, we have worked hard to consider friendships, time with the Key Person and the unique needs of each of the children- please do continue to speak to Hayley if you have any worries at all.

We continue to feel incredibly fortunate to work with your amazing children! There are lots of exciting events happening this term at Nursery and we hope you will be able to join us for them!





Father's Day Celebrations- Superheroes in the Woods



In recognition of Father's Day we would like to invite any Dad, Step-Dad, Grandad, Uncle, Brother, Neighbour or Friend of our children to the Nursery for a session in our on-site woodland! You will take part in different superhero-themed activities and have a special snack around the fire.

The sessions will be held on:

Rock Pool (baby room) and Coral Reef (2 year old room)-

Tuesday 11th June- 2pm

Thursday 13th June- 10.30am

Deep Blue Sea and Lagoon (3-4 year old rooms)-

Wednesday 12th June- 10.30am and 2pm

Thursday 13th June- 2pm

Please sign up on the posters in the Nursery closer to the time to guarantee your place.

Don't worry if these events are on a day your child does not attend you are very welcome to join us!



Sport's Day



Rock Pool and Coral Reef Sport's Day

Thursday 27th June at 2pm

Parents/Carers are invited to join their child for an afternoon of fun and games on the Infant School field.

Deep Blue Sea and Lagoon Sport's Day

Friday 28th June at 10.45am and 2pm

Parents/Carers are invited to attend and cheer the children on at the Deep Blue Sea and Lagoon Sport's Day on the Infant School Field. The children will take part in traditional Sport's Day races- don't forget your trainers for the 'Grown-ups Race'!

Don't worry if your child doesn't attend Nursery on the day of these events, you are still very welcome to join us- you will need to stay with them.

Celebrating Progress- Parent's Evening

Our termly Parent's Evening will take place on **Tuesday 2nd July 6-7pm**, please look out for a sign-up sheet nearer the time. We ask that you remember that your time slot on this evening is for 5 minutes so if you have lengthier issues to discuss please speak to your child's key person to arrange an alternative appointment. As always, if you can't make the Parent's Evening and would like to speak to your child's key person, please let us know so that we can organise a mutually convenient appointment.



Healthy Living Week



Week Beginning 8th July

We are looking forward to learning all about keeping ourselves healthy. During this week we are hoping to organise visits from people in the community with a health/safety-related role. Please let Hayley know if you or anyone you know could help with extending the children's related learning in an age appropriate way; for example regarding healthy eating, looking after teeth, keeping fit, emotional/mental health, sun safety, beach safety, road safety.



Pirate Day



Monday 22nd July

Prepare to walk the plank, search for buried treasure, build a pirate ship and much much more. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the Summer Term with the children- children are invited to dress as a pirate for the day.

Leaver's Celebrations

We will be inviting all of the children leaving our Nursery to go to 'big school' in September and their families to a very special Leaver's Celebration on **Wednesday 24th July at 2pm**. Please pop the date in your diary and we will provide further information nearer the time.

Nursery Sessions

We are busy making plans for the next academic year and places are filling fast! If you are planning to amend/increase your child's sessions please come into the office to speak to Hayley or Kathryn as soon as possible- we will do our best to help you.

Families where both parents (parent in single parent families) are working a minimum of 16 hours each week will be entitled to 30 hours (term time) or 23.75 hours (all year round) funded childcare from the term after their child turns 3 years old. If you would like information about how to apply please visit the 'Childcare Choices' website or speak to Hayley or Kathryn.



Sun Safety

We are hoping the sun makes an appearance very soon and would like your help to ensure that we are prepared when it does so!

We work hard to promote sun safety at Nursery with the children and many of them are able to tell us what they need to do in order to keep safe. We would appreciate your support with this.

Sun Cream

Please can we remind you that it is our expectation that parents/carers will **apply sun cream to their child's skin before their Nursery session**; staff will reapply sun cream as necessary throughout the day. We will use the Nursery 8 hour protection sun cream unless you advise us that your child needs to use their own due to an allergy or skin sensitivity.

Sun Hats

All children will have to wear a sunhat whilst outside at Nursery in order to remain safe in the sun (please send a named hat).

Shoulders

Please ensure that your child's shoulders are covered to reduce exposure and harm to their sensitive skin.

Shoes

Please could we ask that children wear closed toe shoes at Nursery rather than sandals. This is to avoid injury particularly when they are taking part in activities such as riding bikes and building with our large wooden blocks. Additionally we will be using the woods more frequently and it is essential that shoes are worn in this environment.

Drinks

We always encourage the children to drink during their Nursery sessions but this becomes even more important during the warmer weather when young children are more vulnerable to the effects of dehydration. The children have access to drinking water at all times at Nursery and are offered a choice of milk or water at snack time. Additionally, the children may bring their own drinks bottle from home. Please could we ask that bottles are named. **We also ask that fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not provided.**



Nursery Communication

We know that the Nursery can feel incredibly busy at the beginning and end of the children's sessions but please do speak to a member of staff if you have any worries or concerns- we will always arrange a time to talk to you.

Please ensure that you inform us of any changes to your mobile telephone numbers as we do send texts on a regular basis.

Look out for information shared on Tapestry- all parents who have set up a Tapestry account will also be linked to 'Suffield Park Nursery Information' and you may receive reminders/updates via this means.

Dates for your diary...

Sunday 26th May- Staff Sponsored Walk (Fundraiser for Nursery Playhouse summer trip for those going to school in September)

Monday 27th-Friday 31st May- Half Term

Theme of the Week- 'Movement', to include yoga, dancing and much more! We still have some spaces- if you would like more information or to book your child in please speak to Kathryn in the office.

Tuesday 11th June at 2pm and Thursday 13th June at 10.30am- Superheroes in the Woods, Rock Pool and Coral Reef

Wednesday 12th June at 10.30am and 2pm and Thursday 13th June at 2pm- Superheroes in the Woods, Deep Blue Sea and Coral Reef

Thursday 27th June at 2pm- Rock Pool and Coral Reef Sports Day

Friday 28th June at 10.45am and 2pm- Deep Blue Sea and Lagoon Sports Day

Tuesday 2nd July, 6-7pm- Nursery Parent's Evening

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July- Norwich Playhouse Trip to watch The Very Hungry Caterpillar for children going to school in September

Week Beginning 8th July- Healthy Living Week

Friday 19th July at 2pm- Suffield Park Infant and Nursery Summer Fayre

Monday 22nd July- Pirate Day

Wednesday 24th July- Last day of term, Leaver's Celebration at 2pm

Friday 9th August- Nursery closes for summer break

Tuesday 27th August- Nursery re-opens

Wednesday 4th September- Autumn Term begins

