Nursery NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a lovely visit from Animal Ark on Friday and the children had a lovely time with the animals.

Next week is **Walk to School Week**. This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage healthy habits, reduce congestion around the school, and help lower carbon emissions – all while making the journey to school fun. Walking or wheeling to school has so many benefits: it boosts physical and mental wellbeing, helps children arrive alert and ready to learn, and supports a cleaner, greener environment.

To support us and your child with this, please encourage your child to walk or wheel to school as often as possible during the week. If walking the whole way is not practical, try a 'Park and Stride' – park a short distance from school and walk or wheel the last part of the journey. During our small group time, we will be asking children how they have travelled to school each morning. We would love to see some examples of how you have travelled to school, please send us a photo on Tapestry and we will share with children.

The week following half term we have an Activities Week in Nursery and Preschool. During this week we will be encouraging the children to take park in a sponsored circuit and the proceeds will go towards enhancing our outdoor play equipment. Your child will bring home a sponsorship form next week and if you or any relatives or friends are able to sponsor them we would be very grateful. We will collect any sponsorship money in after the half term holiday.

On Wednesday 20th May, you have the opportunity to come in and share with your child their Family Book. Please complete the Google Forms sent out on Arbor to let us know you will be attending.

Margaret Stocks

KEY DIARY DATES

20th May Family book sharing session
22nd May
School finishes for half term
25th – 29th May School closed for half term
1st- 5th June Activities Week (sponsored circuit)
2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th June Forest School stay and play
8th, 9th ,10th June Nursery New Parents Meeting
15th, 16th June Preschool New Parents Meeting
13th – 17th July Wow Week in Nursery
22nd July – End of term, 12pm finish

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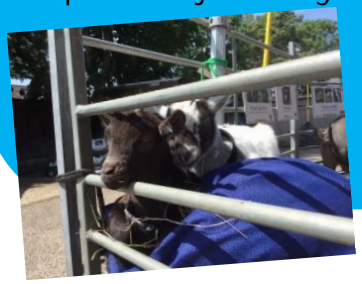
ANIMAL ARK VISIT

Children in Nursery and Preschool had a wonderful time during Animal Ark's visit last Friday. They were excited to brush and stroke the larger farm animals, including sheep, a donkey, and pygmy goats. The children also showed great care and gentleness while handling the smaller animals such as rabbits, a chinchilla, and a tortoise. It was a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved!



SPONSORED ACTIVITIES WEEK

The week after half term children will be taking part in an Activity Week in Nursery and Preschool. The children will be encouraged to take part in a variety of activities that consist of movements such as balancing, climbing, running and jumping. Children in Nursery will also have an opportunity to use our new balance bikes and learn how to navigate obstacles when riding. This is a great opportunity for children to learn about the importance of keeping healthy through being active. Both yourself and your friends and family can sponsor your child for completing the activities with all proceeds going towards enhancing our outdoor play equipment.

FOREST SCHOOL STAY AND PLAY

Kate is inviting all parents/carers to a stay and play Forest School session at the beginning of June. This is always an exciting event as lots of parents/carers join us and children are delighted to share this experience with the supporting adults. If you are able to attend please make sure you sign up for your child's allocated session, which is indicated on the sheet outside the office. If you are unable to come into school and sign up yourself, please email the school office and we will add you. Dates are on the school website calendar. **If you are unable to attend yourself and can arrange a friend or relative to take your place, they are very welcome to come to support your child instead.**

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SPARE CLOTHES

With the warm weather ahead, we are planning lots of water play activities (weather permitting) in the garden to help keep the children cool and active. Please ensure your child has appropriate spare clothes in their bag, so we can get them changed into dry clothes before home time. **If our spare clothes or footwear do go home with children, please can we ask that they are returned to school washed and dried.**

BABY NEWS!

We are delighted to officially announce our Key Person in Nursery, Gemma, gave birth to a baby girl called Etta Re in March. Both mum and baby are healthy and are doing very well. Gemma has already been into Nursery to visit and the children have had a chance to see baby up close. Everyone was very excited, especially the grown-ups!

ATTENTENCE AND LATENESS

Please can you ensure that, where possible, children arrive on time to school in the morning. The doors open promptly at 9.00am and close at 9.10am. At this time children in Nursery begin their small group sessions. When children are late it means that they lose a key learning opportunity in the morning. It can be unsettling for children when they arrive late as a key part of their routine is lost. If your child is not at school for any reason, please can you inform the school office as early as possible. If we have not heard from you we will call but it does take a considerable amount of our time to do so, particularly when there are multiple unknown absences.