

DAISY CHAIN DAY NURSERY

Newsletter May 2019 – Pre-School Room

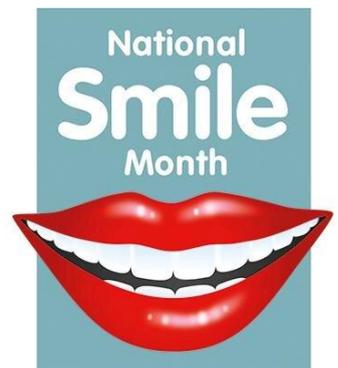
What have we been up to?

Last month in Pre-school room our interest of the month was 'Growth and Change'. The children have been doing lots of creative activities such as cork caterpillar paintings, painting daffodils, caterpillar life cycles and collaged sheep. Some of the children also visited Van Hage to purchase some seeds and plants for our garden, which we have now planted in our growing garden.

What's next?

This month the children in the Pre-School room will be learning all about 'Farmyard Animals'. They will be involved in activities such as: Farmyard sensory counting tray, fingerprint sheep painting, paper plate nests, pigs in mud and animal footprint painting.

We will also be celebrating National Smile Week during the week of 20th May. We will be talking about the importance of oral hygiene and will be doing lots of activities related to oral hygiene.



What can you do at home?

- Visit a local farm
- Sing farmyard songs together
- Watch: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/down-on-the-farm-a-year-on-your-farm>
- Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDZXSMU2IAk>

Please don't forget to:

- Check tapestry regularly
- Post observations on tapestry from home
- Bring in Sun cream and Sun hats

Upcoming Events:

Tempest Photo's: Thursday 2nd May 2019 - We would like to inform parents that we have booked Tempest Photography to come to nursery to take children's portraits. If your child is not due in on that day you are welcome to bring them along at 10.30am

Half Term for funded term time only children - 27th May - 31st June 2019

Fathers Drop in Day: Tuesday 11th June 2019

We are inviting all Daddy's and Granddad's in for our Superhero themed drop in session at 3pm-4:30pm where they can stay and play and also have a picnic tea with us. If your child is not due in on that day you are more than welcome to still come and join us for all of the fun we will be having.

Tempest Group Photos: Thursday 13th June 2019

If your child is not due in on the day you are welcome to bring them along for 9.30am to have a photo taken with the rest of the children in their room.

Leavers Parent's Meetings Monday 17th June 2019 – (All day) – Please see a member of the Pre-school Room to book in your meeting slot.

Leavers Graduation Party Friday 2nd August 2019 at 3pm –During this time, children that are going to school will be participating in some party games, receive a certificate from Daisy Chain and get to wear their hat and gown for a photo like a real graduation! Following this will be a picnic styled tea with sandwiches, cake, sausage and cheese rolls and more. If you are able to attend this event with your child, could you please let a member of staff know so that we can plan accordingly.

Facebook Groups

We have recently made a new Facebook group for the nursery which is an open group (anybody can search and look at this group). This group is more for the public to see what our nursery is about, and we will therefore be putting up pictures of activities, trips, events etc we have been involved in. Please note we won't be putting any photos of any children on the new group, I will just continue to do that on our closed group.

If you are interested in liking the group the link for the new group is:

<https://www.facebook.com/daisychaindaynursery12>

There is also a section on the group for reviews on the nursery. I would very much appreciate it if any parents who like the group would also be able to leave us a rating/review please

Staff Information

We would like to welcome Delsimara Balde to the nursery. Delsimara is currently at a local secondary school and she will be with us for a week in May for her school work experience week.

Training:

Last month Tanya attended a two-day Paediatric First Aid course.

Any other information:

Please can we remind parents that we are closed for the following bank holidays:

- Bank Holiday – 6th May 2019
- Bank Holiday – 27th May 2019

Toys from Home/Show and Tell

In Pre-school room we have a show and tell each week. This gives the children the opportunity to bring something in from home (e.g. a toy or something special to them to show their friends) We do a different day of the week each week, so all children are included during the month. The show and tell dates for April and beginning of May are as follows:

- Wednesday 1st May
- Thursday 9th May
- Friday 17th May
- Monday 20th May
- Tuesday 28th May
- Wednesday 5th June

Father's Day Drop In:

We are inviting any Daddy's or Granddads' in for a superhero style stay and play session and to have tea with us. This session will commence on Tuesday 11th June from 3pm – 4:30pm. If your child does not attend this session you are still more than welcome to join us. Please see a member of staff if you have any questions or queries. We are also asking that if anyone has any specific dietary requirements to let us know so we can cater for these. Thank you.

Happy Birthday to:

**Owen, Noah, Samuel, Arianna
and Isabella**



**We hope you have a lovely
birthday!**

Trip to New Ark

On Thursday 23rd May in the afternoon Pre-school are taking a trip to New Ark. New Ark has a little city farm attached to it and the pre-school children are going to visit the animals. The Thursday afternoon children have already received a letter regarding the trip, however if you would like to meet us there and join in with the trip you are more than welcome to. The cost is £3.50 per child, and please see Sam or Cristie as there is limited availability, thank you.

<http://www.newarkplay.co.uk/>

Policy Document Reminder

Each month we re-issue copies of policies from our policy and procedure document for parent's reference. This enables parents to review any changes or updates which may have been made. Please find attached a copy of our Online Safety policy for your information.

Useful Information

Nursery Email: daisynursery@aol.com

Sam's Email:

samdaisynursery@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook Page:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/daisychain-
daynursery/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/daisychaindaynursery/)

Website Page: [http://daisychain-
daynursery.co.uk/](http://daisychain-daynursery.co.uk/)

Online Safety Policy

Our nursery is aware of the growth of internet use and the advantages this can bring. However, it is also aware of the dangers and strives to support children, staff and families in using the internet safely.

Keeping Children Safe in Education states *“The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorised into three areas of risk:*

- ✓ *content: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material;*
- ✓ *contact: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; and*
- ✓ *conduct: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm”*

Within the nursery we aim to keep children (and staff) safe online by:

- Ensuring we have appropriate antivirus and anti-spyware software on all devices and update them regularly
- Ensuring content blockers and filters are on all our devices, e.g. computers, laptops and any mobile devices
- Keeping passwords safe and secure, not sharing or writing these down.
- Ensure management monitor all internet activities in the setting
- Putting all nursery devices at the end of the day in a safe and secure place.
- Ensuring no social media or messaging apps are installed on nursery devices
- Management reviewing all apps or games downloaded to tablets to ensure all are age appropriate for children and safeguard the children and staff
- Using approved devices to record/photograph in the setting
- Never emailing personal or financial information
- Reporting emails with inappropriate content to the internet watch foundation (IWF www.iwf.org.uk)
- Ensuring children are supervised when using internet devices
- Integrating online safety into nursery daily practice by discussing computer usage ‘rules’ deciding together what is safe and what is not safe to do online
- Talking to children about ‘stranger danger’ and deciding who is a stranger and who is not, comparing people in real life situations to online ‘friends’
- Provide training for staff who need this to keep children safe online.
- We abide by an acceptable use policy, ensuring staff only use the work IT equipment for matters relating to the children and their education and care. No personal use will be tolerated
- Children’s screen time is monitored to ensure they remain safe online and have access to material that promotes their development. We will ensure that their screen time is within an acceptable level and is integrated within their programme of learning.