

May 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you all very much enjoyed the bank holiday, despite the changeable and blustery weather.

From the 17th, the governments step three road map continues. The government is allowing us to decide on the appropriate level of risk for our circumstance with regard to social contact. The restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted. The rule of six or two households will apply. Most business in all sectors but the highest risk will be able to reopen. Covid secure guidance will remain in place. Also, up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings and other significant life events.

Currently, we have had no advice to lift or ease any of our covid-19 operation policies and procedures. This will impact on school transitions. We will not be able to contact schools and invite them to visit the children while they are here. You will be contacted by your school and they will arrange their transition procedure with you. The children are resilient, as they have shown during this pandemic. I am sure they will cope with the transition process and feel excited about starting "big school". We will continue to discuss "going to school" and preparing them for their next chapters.

Last month, families should have received confirmation of their primary school place. If this was not the case or you would like to appeal a decision made, please see Donna. If you have received your first choice of a place, please inform your keyperson.

Next month, our Parent/Carer Consultations will take place for families that are transitioning to school. Your keyperson will arrange a suitable time with you, shortly. For the remaining families, Consultations will be planned for June.

Regretfully, we are not planning our Nursery Outing this year. How things currently are with, restrictions easing and people flocking to attractions, confidence is not high level with safety. Hopefully, next year we can plan and enjoy the event.

Planning

This month, we start a new theme, Camping and the sub-heading is Equipment.

The early learning goals and prime areas being covered are –

w/c 26th- Shape, Space and measure

w/c 3rd- Self Confidence and Self Awareness/Managing Feelings and Behaviour

w/c 10th- Making Relationships/People and Communities

w/c 17th- Speaking

w/c 24th- Numbers.

Book of the Month

This month our focus book is 'Smartest Giant in Town'. Ask your child about the Giant and what clothes he gives away to help others?

Song of the Month

We will be singing 'Wind the Bobbin Up'. This is a much loved classic song!

Sector News

The Department for Education has published the updated Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework for 2021. This will apply from 1st September.

The government says the changes will improve outcomes for all children, but particularly the language and literacy outcomes for disadvantaged children and reduce teacher workload.

The reformed education programs include:

- PSED will include additional information on self-care and healthy eating.
- Physical Development will be strengthened to include a greater focus on development from birth to reception and on the link between gross and fine motor skills.
- Literacy will include a stronger emphasis on pre reception literacy learning, the link between language comprehension and later reading and writing.
- Mathematics will include a greater detail on the importance of shapes, spatial reasoning and measure as part of early maths learning and how children can foster a love of maths.
- Understanding the world will include wider experiences for children.
- Expressive Arts and Design will include a wider variety of ways children can develop their creative skills.