

April 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all aware, Ofsted inspected our provision on 12th March. We are happy to inform you, we have been graded as Good. The summary of key findings for parents is positive. Please find a copy of the report in the hall. Next week the report will also be published on Ofsted's website. To improve the quality of our provision further the recommendations are-

Strengthen opportunities to support children's interests and understanding of capacity and volume. We had set up the water tray to further develop the children's understanding of "floating and sinking". The inspector following observing the activity gave the opinion this could have been explored further.

Give children more opportunities to develop their independence and self-help skills. This is relating to the children being able to cut up their own fruit at snack time. Currently, children serve themselves, using tongs and pour their milk. We are considering the 'todays helpers', prepare the snack. The inspector also commented that the children could also clear their plates at lunch time. The 'todays helpers' help with lunch serving. The children have to sit still at lunch for quite a long time already. The children clearing their plates would lengthen the routine, so we will not be making any changes here.

If any of you have any questions regarding the inspection or judgments, please see Donna or Natalie.

The Spring menu has been completed and it will commence following half term. The allergen information is displayed in the hall.

We also was inspected by the Foods Standards Agency on 14th March. We have maintained our five grade hygiene rating. Well done to Rob and the team for their commitment for attending ongoing training, following legislation and our policies and procedures.

Saturday 'Team Esme' completed our 5k run and obstacle course at Peterborough Arena. When we have collected all our sponsorship monies, we will let you know the total we raised, for the Lambert family.

Following half term we will begin working on our transition to school. Please find the attached Top Tips for Parents document. This explains the skills children should have, when starting primary school. To support school transition, we recommend that bringing items from home into nursery is gently phased out. Please discuss with your child that they will need to take book bags and PE kits etc to school and not toys.

This month see's the beginning of a new funding term. Those of you claiming the 30 hour entitlement, please remember to reconfirm your eligibility. There is a few of you in your 'grace periods' on the early years system.

Planning

This month our theme continues as All About Me and the sub heading is Home life.

W/C 1st- Being Imaginative

W/C 8th- Half term, Easter Craft

W/C 15th- Half term, Easter Craft

W/C 22nd- Listening, Attention and Understanding and St Georges Day.

Nursery Rhyme of the Month

This month we will be singing and completing the actions to '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught....'.

Book of the Month

Our book is 'Quiet', ask your child, why was pa lion grumpy? This develops the children's recall skills and supports parent partnership.

Home Learning Board

To fit in with our planning, the board displays information on Communication and Language. The sub headings being, Listening and Attention, Speaking and Understanding.

The Talk About Tip

The document provides information on how useful dummies can be and the problems they could lead to, once a child is over one year of age.

Sector News

Local Authority are planning on constructing a Parent Portal, very similar to our Provider Portal. On the Portal you will be able to complete eligibility checks for two year old and 30 hours, express interest in a setting, school admission and free school meals. We will keep you informed of the progress and notify, when going live