



EASTER NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2009



Dear Parents

New Canopy! Thanks to everyone for their feedback / comments – I think so far everyone thinks the canopy is lovely – especially the children! We have further improvements planned; gates to secure the field, sensory planting areas around the nursery for the children to access, new outdoor toys, new outside notice board for parents.

Easter Week Next week we will be having a *Bakers Shop* in our role play corner. We would like each child to come in with 50p next week to pay for the hot cross buns they will be able to buy at the shop and eat with their friends at snack time.

The children will be invited to make an *Easter Card* during the week and there will also be Easter sponge painting.

The *garden centre* under the canopy has been so successful and the children have really enjoyed planting sunflowers and vegetables this week so we will be extending that into next week also.

We are planning an *Easter Egg Hunt* in the field. Each child will be hunting for their own Plastic Egg which will be filled with a few chocolate mini eggs. We cannot promise they will still be full by the time they come home to you however!

The children will be making *Chocolate Easter Nests* on Tuesday 31 March. Parents who could help with this activity in the morning or afternoon please speak to Mrs. Bonner.

Snack Time Fund. The staff team and I have worked really hard to improve the quality of the snacks we provide and visitors have commented on how good they are but with the cost of food rising it has come at a price. We will therefore be charging £1 a week per child for snack from the start of the Summer term. This should be paid half termly in advance. A slip is attached at the bottom of the newsletter. Please return with your payment ASAP. Thank you.

Lunch Club Parents are reminded that we have a healthy eating policy for lunch club. A note around will be given to all parents whose children are booked in for lunch club next term.

Sessions Next Term There are still some spaces in the afternoons from April. If your child is 3 before 20th April you are entitled to up to 5 free sessions. If anyone would like extra sessions please speak to Louise ASAP.

Policies and Procedures I have recently changed all our policies and procedures to conform to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). These are available to view on the nursery website. Please be aware that these procedures are there for the well being and protection of nursery staff, parents and children so do take the time to read through them. New parents from now on will be asked to read them as part of settling in and asked to sign to confirm they have read and understood them. Any feedback / comments welcome to Louise please.

Themes Next half term our themes are growing (including babies!) and animals (including dragons and dinosaurs). A wanted list will be sent out next week. Please continue to support the staff by sending in any items from home that will help bring the nursery to life.

Naming Please label all items sent in to nursery. Toys, wellies, lunch boxes, coats etc. Please send in gloves, hats and wet weather gear if we have bad weather. If your child is prone to getting messy or has accidents change of clothes in their bag should also be provided. Pull ups should be provided for all children still in nappies.

Nursery Clothes Please can you return all clothes borrowed. We are particularly running out of boy's trousers and socks and plimsols. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE!!

Last day of term is Friday 3rd April. Both the morning session and afternoon session will run as normal. St John's finishes at 2pm that day so please feel free to collect your children from nursery earlier if it is easier for you to do so.

Summer Term: Tues 21 April – Friday 17th July

Half Term: Mon 25th – Fri 29th May

Inset Days: Mon 20th April and Mon 1st June

May Bank Holidays: Mon 4th May and Mon 25th May.

Parliamentary Elections - Thurs 4th June. NURSERY CLOSED. We have been advised that the hall will be in use for parliamentary elections on this day so we cannot use it.

Parents Evening Wednesday 10th June, 7pm onwards. A timetable will go up on door nearer the time for you to book in with your child's key worker.

Nursery Social Event / Fundraiser The Parents Committee are planning a Food, drink and Disco night with band on Saturday 16th May at the nursery. Please put this date in your diary – money goes towards the nursery toy fund. Tickets will go on sale at the start of next term. Please support this event; it will be a fun informal evening where you can meet other parents and let your hair down!! Further details to follow. Friends welcome. The event will be for adults only so book your baby sitter and have a good night out! We will do a social event for the children also in the second half of the summer term probably during nursery hours.

Summer Outing Ideas? We normally have a Summer Outing in the second half of term. Last year was a lovely day out at the Willows farm and the year before also a lovely day at the Paradise Wildlife park. Any suggestions of where you would like to go please let us know. Thank you! Details to follow next term.

Website Don't forget that notices / newsletters and lots of information are always available for you on our website. www.greatamwellnursery.co.uk

Thanks to all of you for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely Easter Break. See you all next term.

Louise Raja and the Nursery Team.

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SNACK TIME FUND

Please complete and return to Mrs. Bonner with payment ASAP.

Name of Child:

Colour Group:

- I enclose my ½ term fees of £5.00

OR

- I enclose my full term's fees of £12.00 *(Please tick as appropriate)*

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