

Brunstane Nursery News



April 29th 2015

Welcome to the summer term at Brunstane Nursery. The summer term is always a busy one and hopefully this newsletter will help you keep up to date with activities and events as we race towards the summer holidays.

Staffing Mrs Maltman left us at the end of March after a long and happy career at Brunstane. She presented the nursery with lots of lovely gifts and was delighted with all the good wishes she received for her future. She is hard to replace but I am delighted to say that until the summer Mrs Crawford will work full time and we have two new nursery practitioners, Magda Debicka-Krawczyk and Linda Lawrence.

Snack I would like to thank all the parents who regularly contribute to snack. We aim to introduce children to many different healthy foods and we work to support healthy eating at home, as we understand children can be fussy. Please come and ask if you would like advice, or want us to encourage children to try specific foods.



I am sorry to say that we do have a few families who routinely forget to pay for snack; we would ask for the sake of fairness that all families pay *£1.50 every week* to help us continue providing healthy snacks.

Garden Party Our annual fundraising party will be on Friday 29th May from 10.30 in the Nursery. We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of mums and friends who meet on Friday mornings to

plan and prepare for all our events and they have a spectacular morning planned. You can help by donating items for the raffle or tombola, volunteering on the day or by coming along to the Garden Party, buying some delicious food and taking part in the fun. (Posh frock optional)
This year we want to raise money for a new fish tank and out door sand pit.

Transition The move to Primary 1 should be an easy and exciting time for children and we have



already been working towards this in the nursery. We have been regularly attending assemblies and using the gym hall for PE activities. All the children are comfortable visiting the school and this term we will be taking part in more structured activities to help them prepare for this new stage. There will be two formal transition days in June and I will be preparing more detailed information about this very soon.

Trip We hope to go on a nursery trip this term. So far we have only taken morning children out before, and we would like to know if you would be interested in a bigger day trip with all the nursery. Get your thinking caps on as we'll be asking you to contribute your ideas soon.

Maths We will be looking at 2D shapes, colour, symmetry and money this term, alongside number to 10. To help your child with Number, use everyday opportunities to count out objects, count fruit in the supermarket, forks at dinnertime, toes at bath time. By doing this you are teaching them that counting is an everyday activity.

Literacy We will continue to work on writing, recognising and reading our names this term in preparation for school. We will also continue to share out favourite story books and authors, so bring in your child's favourites to share anytime you want!

Themes We have tadpoles in the nursery at the moment so we will be looking at simple life cycles, babies and caring for animals this term. We will also be learning about equality and people who help us alongside the transition project.

Helping Hands We are constantly working to improve our garden. If you could spare an hour to come in and help we would be delighted to feed you tea and biscuits. We



need help weeding, painting and generally working around the garden. We are also open to suggestions and advice about planting and improving

the areas. We want to create a music corner so please donate any old pots and pans you have so the children can use them as drums!

Times Please note that nursery is open between: 8:30- 11:40am and 12:15- 3:25 pm. Staff only have 30 minutes for lunch so it is important that you do not collect children late or arrive early for the afternoon session. Afternoon arrival is very busy, to help ease this please arrive between 12.15 and 12.30, not before 12.15. Collection is working well spread through a fifteen minute window, this gives time for staff to chat to parents and

ensures there is no congestion in the nursery class. Thank you.

Outdoor In the off chance that we have hot weather we need to remind parents about suncream. Please ensure your child has suncream on before they come to nursery and let us know on days when they haven't so we can keep them covered up.

Important Action points for Parents

- The Friday Morning craft group welcomes new members, especially if they like cake!
- We need donations of larger sized clothes. Please return nursery clothes quickly.
- Please leave a change of clothes and a plastic bag on your child's peg. *(if we cannot change your child we will have to call you in to collect them!)*
- We would love to hear suggestions for nursery trips.
- Children will get dirty; warm easy wash clothes and wellingtons!
- Please let us know if you want to Stay and Play or come in to bake with the children.
- **Donations:** for the fundraising Garden Party! Old pots and pans, keys or metal items to hang on the fence for music, a box of hankies, newspaper for the art table and plastic bags!
- Suncream and sun hats

Dates

Garden Party Friday 29th May.

Monday Holidays – 4th May, 18th May.

Inservice is on election day, 7th May.

Summer holidays start on Friday 26th June.

There will be no afternoon session on 26th June, PM session finishes on 25th June.

School reopens on Monday 17th August for all children.

Thank you from the Brunstane Nursery Team.