



Breakfast times

We would just like to remind you all that the timing of our meals is carefully set so that the children can get started with morning activities after breakfast, sleep or activities after lunch and tea, as well as give their bodies the time needed to settle and process their food before morning/afternoon snacks and later meal/s. It is particularly important that, if your child is with us for the morning, that s/he arrives with plenty of time to take breakfast, served between 8.00 and 8.45am. If your child is 7.30 start then breakfast will obviously be available on arrival.

Open Day Reminder

Don't forget we are holding our Open Day on Saturday 18th July 2016 from 9.30 to 12.00. We have lots of activities for your children to enjoy including some messy play, and of course we will be serving refreshments in the baby room. We will be supporting Martin House Children's Hospice. We look forward to seeing you there!



Nursery Clothing

Please do ensure your child has slippers or indoor shoes in the nursery. Even in the warmer weather the children do get dirty in the mud kitchen or on walks and need to be able to change into their indoor slippers and into fresh clothing. Children grow so fast so please also check to see that the clothes, wellingtons, slippers you provide do still fit them.



Preschool Graduation

This year the Preschool graduation will take place on 6th July at 2.30pm. All preschool children that are leaving us to go on to school are invited in at this time as are their parents. There will be a short ceremony and then the children will have a party tea. I do hope you will be able to attend this occasion.



Painting the Nursery

The nursery has nearly been completed and we are delighted with the results. Thank you for your patience during this time as obviously we have to move furniture nightly and then put everything back together again and it does create short term disorder.

Nursery Topics

Dinosaurs have been the topic of interest in **Preschool**. They visited the museum to look at dinosaur bones and then made their own fossils. They have enjoyed practicing their paleontology skills. Neil helped them to create a life sized pterodactyl, now hanging from the ceiling.

Toddlers have continued with their trips to the Railway Museum, with the bus ride and walk to the museum causing as much excitement as the trains themselves. They have had access to the resources box and been able to dress up too. The children have behaved brilliantly and received many positive comments. The children have also been looking at different countries and tried their food. Harshi helped them to prepare a lovely paella in celebration of Spain. They have also practiced Spanish with Veronica.

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Babies enjoyed their Jungle themed projects this month whilst reading 'Dear Zoo' and exploring real life images of Jungle animals. They have experienced the colours and texture of different fabrics and enjoyed outside play.

Thank you

A big thank you to Luca Baptista and family for the preschool fish. Sonny is very happy in his new home and the children love him.

Staff Training

Over the past few months both Johanna and Debbie M from Strensall have attended the council run course 'Tuning into Childcare' which looks at how children develop and the many ways in which we can support their development and behaviour. Things happen in life that do affect our children, sometimes in small ways and sometimes to a much greater depth. Obviously we will do everything in our power to support these children and their families. Sarah has recently been on an outside play course for under 2's and has bought back lots of brilliant ideas she is keen to put into practice.

Orbit Closure

As you may have heard we were recently told that Orbit was closing down. We have been looking at other means of communicating information about your child to you, but the closure meant we needed to speed this up a little. We have chosen to go with the Parenta Abacus system. We already use the Parenta software when we register your children to the nursery, and this produces our registers and

occupancies. The ladies and gents in all three rooms are eager to embrace the new 'Dayshare' daily diary for Toddlers and Babies which will be emailed to you on a daily basis. We are also test running the 'Footsteps' EYFS observation and assessment software which will replace Orbit and will also be emailed to you as the observations are completed. Please remember our aim is to observe and assess next steps and further development rather than send you lots of photos of the children doing the same thing over and over again (although this is very important for the children who need repetition to master a new skill).

Nursery Stairs

Stairs can be great fun and we do understand that when you bring the children in they like to jump the stairs with you. However it is a lot more difficult for us to do this when taking a group of children outside so we do usually invite the children to walk rather than jump the stairs for safety reasons. Overheard conversation, 'Daddy you have to walk properly up the stairs or you might fall!' Now where have I heard that before?!

Parent Forum

Please remember the Parent Forum is there to support any suggestion or concerns you may have regarding the nursery. You can contact them at parentsforum@gmail.com Debbie, Hayley and I are also always ready to listen to any issues you may wish to raise. The office door is always open

and it is lovely to meet up with you all.

Facebook and Twitter

Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We provide a lot of information and photos of the children's day to day activities.



Illness

We ask that you please respect our policy to reduce illness and stop it spreading. Please keep children out of the nursery for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to help prevent everyone else from catching it, including staff who offer the continual care valued by your child.



Invoices

Could you please ensure that all voucher and Bacs payments are made by the 7th of the month, in line with our Terms and Conditions. If you are changing the way you pay, please let Head Office know by the 15th of the month.

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Nursery Holidays for 2015

Summer Bank Holiday 31.08.15
Christmas 24.12.15 – the nursery will close at 1pm and reopen on Monday January 4th 2016

*Best Wishes,
Helen C*