

March 2019



OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome

We would like to welcome Sally who has joined the Toddler Room. Sally has a level 3 in childcare and has worked with children for 10 years. She also has two grown up children. Sally has settled well and will be taking on key children in the next couple of weeks.

Goodbye

We will be sadly saying goodbye to Olivia and the twins on the 5th April. Olivia has been with the company since September 2013. Olivia will be missed by all here at nursery, but we wish her all best for the future.

Nursery Topics

Babies – Spring has sprung in the baby room we've had lots of walks to the park and woods to spot the signs of spring, flowers and wildlife. We've made blossom for our tree using cotton wool and paint and enjoyed getting very messy. Some of the children in the baby room have visited various farms, so we have created our own farm sensory tray with lots of gloop, straw and animals. It's been lovely to get outdoors more in the garden on the lovely days we've been having recently. We will be carrying on with Spring and Easter throughout April. Could we ask that babies have appropriate clothing & Footwear for outdoor activities.



Toddlers – have very much enjoyed celebrating World Book Day in March. We loved seeing some toddlers dressed up as their favourite book characters and enjoyed reading some of the children's favourite stories. Following Children's interest's, we will be continuing with looking at People who care for us. We would like to know if parents could bring in a family photo to nursery to support this that we can display in our story corner. We've been busy making some surprises, because we've heard it's a special day on Sunday! Over the next few weeks we will be taking part in lots of Spring and Easter crafts, while exploring different signs of Spring whilst out on spring walks around Strensall. We started in the moment planning throughout March it is designed to follow the children's interests 'sparks' these are little ideas or when a child expresses a special interest in something. We will write the sparks down on our planning board located where parents can see it and you can add to the board with ideas or things your child has been doing at the weekend or any special interests.



Preschool - This month we have had a look at cars in depth, sharks & snakes following children's sparks and their new interests. One of the children mentioned that their car had been taken to garage to be fixed. So, at group time we had a look at the different parts of a car. We identified the bonnet, window, windshield, mirrors break lights, front lights, boot, exhaust and many more! We then went into the carpark to have a look at Heathers real car. We had a look under her bonnet, and we all had a turn

March 2019

sitting in the driver's seat and held the steering wheel pretending to drive and we even peeped the horn! One of our friends had brought the story "Wonky Donkey" to share. We all really enjoyed listening to the story and trying to join in with the rhyme as it gets longer and longer. This led onto lots of crafts about donkeys, and we talked about donkey sanctuaries and what they do. Also, we looked at chimney sweeps after a chimney was swept at home! This week we have been looking at a new way of 'signing in' when we arrive in the mornings, we all looked for our names to put alongside the photos and then tried our very best to write our names too. We've also been very busy with Mother's Day preparations.



Upcoming Events

29th March - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party

23rd April - St Georges Day

Home Learning Activities

Babies/Toddlers-Infants and toddlers are often thought of as 'too young' to be involved in gardening, but they can be engaged through watering, harvesting, digging, and exploring worms, insects and birds. The best way to help these ages benefit from a garden experience is through their senses. A great activity to do at home would be to get some compost in a tray for your little one to explore through their hands, maybe buy a set of child-friendly mini-tools that they can hold and use by themselves. Having a little watering can, rake, trowel and spade can really help build your child's sense of independence as well as their physical movement and fine

motor skills. You may have various size plant pots for your little ones to fill and transfer the soil into and pick some vegetables to grow with your children in their plant pots. The children at nursery really enjoy this activity and enjoy watering and taking care of their seeds.



Pre School's- We have been really enjoying the nicer weather we've been having this week and lots of time outside! A fun activity to explore outside is shadow drawing with chalk. Encourage children to draw around shadows using chalks. You could explore different shapes by drawing around the shadows of toys and other objects make when they put them on the ground. You could also explore the difference in the size of shadows at different times of the day!



Upcoming Staff Training

A few staff throughout nursery will be updating their level 2 Food Hygiene, we've got Stacey and Maisie on the Exemplary Practice with Babies and they are both on the next Baby Room Project. Maya will be completing the Exemplary Practice for Toddlers.

Payments

Payments are to be made by the 1st of the month, in line with our terms and conditions. **Thankyou.** If you are changing the way you pay, e.g. with the Tax Free Childcare payments, please let our accounts team know as soon as possible, or by the 15th of the month on headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help.

March 2019

Notice re payments after the 1st: Some payments have been increasingly irregular, especially as new payments methods have been introduced, such as Tax-Free Childcare, bank payments and present voucher payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the 1st of the month. A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late. Our thanks again for all your help.

Illness

We ask that you please respect our policy to reduce illness spreading and keep children out of nursery for 48 hrs 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. If antibiotics are being used, you are asked to keep your child away from nursery for the first 48 hours following initial medication. Please let staff know if you have given your child Calpol or any other medication before they come to nursery.

Twitter/Facebook

If you'd like to follow us on twitter and Facebook, we'll keep you up to date with lots of activities here and other related interests too. Photos follow our strict guidelines and we never identify a child by name or photo.

Nursery Holidays for 2019

19th April - Good Friday

22nd April - Easter Monday

6th May - Bank Holiday

27th May - Bank Holiday

26th August - Bank Holiday

24th December Christmas Eve close at 1pm
and we re-open on Thursday 2nd Jan 2020

Best Wishes, Nicola

01904 490339

**strensall@yorkshiremontessorinursery.
co.uk**