

June 2021



Dear parents and carers,
We hope you are all well and enjoying the Summer months, July has come around very fast!

Over the next month at nursery we will be starting to think about the events leading up to our oldest children going to school in September. Details of our graduation ceremony can be found within the Pre-school section of the newsletter.

We have arranged this years Summer fair for Saturday 24th July at 10-12.30, we are hoping this event can go ahead as normal, however we will let you know if anything changes. There will be various stalls and activities available for you and your child to get involved in.

We are also hosting an open during this event for prospective parents to have a look around the nursery. We hope it will be a great time to celebrate with all our families and for you all to be reacquainted with our rooms!

As most of you are aware we are currently seeing a rise in covid cases and self-isolation within the local primary schools. We kindly ask again that you keep your child at home if they have an older sibling who has come into contact with a case within their school bubble and is isolating as a result. We will do our utmost to keep the setting open for all our families. Thank you for your support.

Please be aware nursery is going to be shut on Friday 27th August for a staff training day. This is detailed within the updated terms and conditions.

Baby room

This month in the Baby room we have been enjoying learning lots of new words. We have been practising games involving 'where is' where the children have been finding different objects around the room. We have also enjoyed experiencing with and experiencing lots of new textures, especially as part of our fathers day activities.

Throughout July we will be exploring water and ice, hopefully in the warm weather! We will need lots of spare clothes as we will be getting very wet!



From September in our Baby room there will be a few changes to staffing arrangements.

Our room leader, Fran has got a new teaching job starting in the new term, working at a SEN school which she is really excited about.

Over the next few weeks our new Baby room leader Bee, will be spending some time working alongside Fran before she takes over the role. Bee is a qualified teacher and currently works in our Pre-school room.

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Toddler room

We have been busy this month in Toddler room learning all about owls. We have enjoyed making our own owls and talking about the books 'Owl Babies' and 'A Bit Lost'. These books have sparked lots of conversation about our own Mums and Dads and the home that we live in. The Toddlers have also really enjoyed taking care of our soft toy animals in response to our vets' surgery in our role play area.

Over the next month we will be thinking lots about Summer and holidays, taking part in lot's of activities thinking about different destinations and where we would love to go on holiday. We will also be sharing stories about holidays we might have been on with our families. We would love to see pictures on Tapestry of any trips/days away you have been on.



Over the next few weeks, leading up to September we will be having a few staff changes within the Toddler room team. As some of you may know Kelly is going to be

moving upstairs to Pre-school supporting a group of Toddler children who are due to transition. From September we will be introducing a fourth room within our pre-school area which will be designed to support the older Toddlers and younger Pre-school children. Our new Toddler room leader from September will be Tom, who currently works in the Pre-school room. Tom is a qualified teacher and is excited to get to know all our families over the next few weeks.

Preschool

This month in Pre-school we have been exploring our 'under the sea' topic. We have spent lots of time creating lots of different pieces of art based on this, including a paper plate octopus, creating our own jellyfish and using different colours to decorate our rainbow fish. We have also enjoyed doing various science experiments using water. We did a great sink or float experiment and also made our own boats using different materials to see if they would float or not. We then explored different land and water formations and learnt how lakes, oceans and rivers are created. The children had a wonderful time learning about this. Using shells and sea glass, collected by children and staff, we spent time



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creating letters from the alphabet using these materials.

The children in our class always show interest in each other's stories and adventures and now that children are able to go out and explore with their families more, we will be discussing lots about travel and ways of transport as well as traditions that people from different places of the world have. We will be looking at our world map and exploring the world around us lots more.

The Pre-school staff always love to see what you have been up to at home, if you have been anywhere special why not write us a postcard and bring it in to show us where you have been.

We would like to welcome Georgia to our Pre-school team, she has recently started with us and is looking forward to getting to know all our families.

From September we are introducing a fourth room to our nursery, which will be located within the Pre-school area. This room will support children from 2years 6 months to just over 3 years.

Tom is going to be moving down to the Toddler room as Kelly moves upstairs to support this group. We will continue to let you know about ongoing changes to staff teams as September approaches.

Our Pre-school graduation ceremony will be happening on Saturday 14th August at 10am. Further details will be sent to those parents that this applies to, we are looking forward to celebrating your child's time with us here at nursery.

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 catching it, including staff who offer the continual care valued by your child. If antibiotics are being used, we kindly ask that you keep your child away from nursery for the first 48 hrs following initial medication.

Facebook

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

Invoices and payments

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare, Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the 1st of the month, in line with our terms and conditions. Thank you.

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 15th of the month on headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk

so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help. Notice re payments after the 1st: Some payments have been increasingly irregular, such as Tax-Free Childcare, bank payments and voucher payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the 1st of a month. A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late.

Extra Sessions

Please can we ask that if you require any extra sessions for your child or need to make a change to your permanent sessions, these must be confirmed by someone in the office. We ask for 1 months' notice to any change in permanent sessions to allow for payments to be amended.

Safeguarding

The designated safeguarding lead for our setting is **Christine Dixon**.
The deputy designated safeguarding lead is **Ashleigh Brain**.

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Nursery Holidays for 2021

Summer Bank Monday 30th August- closed

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December-
closed

Reopen Monday 3rd January

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