

CELEBRATION DAY! We will be having our traditional Celebration Day on **Friday 12th June**.

We have invited Krazy Kev and Dinky the Dino in to entertain the children (and Staff)! There will be a drumming workshop in the morning, and a Clay Workshop for parents and children in the afternoon. We will also be having our usual raffle with lots of amazing prizes! **Please remember that if your child is not booked in, you are responsible for them.**

There will be two Celebration Day sessions, the first will be from 9.30am to 11.30am and the second will be from 2pm to 4pm. Children who are leaving to go to school will be presented with their leaver's gift by their Key Person towards the end of each session.

We really look forward to you joining us for this fun day!

New Staff - We are delighted to let you know that we have 3 new members of staff. Louise Best, who has been our apprentice, has now been successful in gaining a permanent post within the 0-2 area. Demi Richardson who has worked for us providing cover has now secured a place in our 3-4 team, and Amanda McMurren, who you will see both in reception and helping out on the floor, is our new Early Years Teaching Centre Co-ordinator.

Changes in College - Following some recent changes to the curriculum structure within College we now sit within the area of Student Services. Our new Area Head and Nominated Person for Ofsted is Mark Nettle. We have always worked very closely with Student Services providing support to our student parents and their families and so this move has worked very well in continuing this link.

Storytelling workshop - We will be holding a story telling workshop in the **Centre on 23rd June from 2pm to 3pm**. Parents can bring their children along, but need to take responsibility for them. We will explore using books, story sacks and the environment to encourage children to engage with the story telling process. Please book a place in reception.



Nappies and wipes - Can parents make sure children have changes of clothes, nappies and wipes in their bags. We are going through a lot of nursery nappies at the moment, and they are only supposed to be used in emergencies, please check there is enough for each day, thank you!

Nursery Clothes – If your child goes home in nursery clothes / wellies please ensure that you bring them back!! We only have a limited supply of spare clothes – if you have any at home please return them.

Sun cream and hats – Please can we have sun cream and hats for the children. They need to have your child's name on them. We do not want to restrict children from playing in the garden, but need to make sure they are protected from the sun.

Leaving dates – Please confirm with reception staff the leaving date for your child if they are transitioning to school this year or are on a term time booking pattern.

Transition meetings – For children transitioning to school this year, your child's Key Person will be organising a time slot to share their Transition Form with you. This is the information we will be sending to your child's new school. In addition to this, their Personal Pathway will be completed and given to you on your child's last day.

IT Development

We are using a new system to capture the observations made on the children and track their development. The practitioners are using tablets to record the information which is then tracked directly into the children's records for learning and development. We hope to be able to offer you the opportunity to read and comment on your child's development when we have a Parent's Portal added to the system. The tablets have been restricted so they can only be used for recording the observations and tracking the children's development.

Staff are really pleased with how the system is supporting their work and will be sharing this information with you!

Door safety – when dropping off or collecting your child, please be mindful of other children in the nursery. Children may try to sneak through an open door if they see the opportunity!

For this reason we have **moved the 3-4 register** to the other side of the room. This will also help staff in meeting and greeting when children arrive in the nursery.

The Childcare Centre takes all feedback very seriously. In reception we have a complaint or compliment form which helps us to capture feedback and take the right action.

The Centre's complaints policy is handed out as part of each parent's welcome pack. If you would like another copy, please let us know.



Updated Parent's Notice Board

Please check out the notice board when you come into nursery – on your right as you come through the first set of doors.

There is information about Safeguarding, Children's Development, Health issues and What's On for your child in the area.

If there is anything you would like us to add, please let someone in reception know.

Dates for your diary:

Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2015 – Nursery Closed

May half term is Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Celebration Day is Friday 12th June

Storytelling Workshop Tuesday 23rd June 2-3pm

Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed – Friday 3rd July

Summer Holidays are Tuesday 21st July – Monday 31st August

August Bank Holiday Monday 31st July – Nursery Closed

If you would like to book in additional hours during the holidays please see reception.

We also run a holiday playscheme for school aged children up to the age of 8.

Please remember that our sickness policy states that all children must be excluded from nursery for 48 hours after symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea

If your Child is absent from nursery please let us know by calling 01278 441270 or email childcare@bridgwater.ac.uk

We are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers if you have any at home in handbags / purses / wallets please bring them in!