



NEWSLETTER – Summer 2016

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Term Time Children Return on Monday 5th September 2016

We are at the end of another busy year and have to say goodbye to many of our families as they move on to their continued learning journey in school. We wish all our families well and hope that the future brings lots of happy times, challenges and rewards. We are privileged you have shared your children with us and hope that you will take many happy memories of your time at the Childcare Centre. Please drop in and say hello if you are passing and keep in touch.

Next year we are intending to run a number of different events that we would love you to be part of. Stay and play weeks, when you will be welcomed into the setting during a normal day and will be given the opportunity to play with your child and find out what they do during their day at nursery. Workshops based around the different areas of learning that the children are involved in, come and join us for a session doing Forest school, or use your talents and for our older children who will be going to school in Sept 2017 a number of opportunities to come in and find out what you will need to know before your child starts school. We are also hoping that Parents and Carers would be willing to come into the setting and share any skills they have which the children could benefit from.

Staffing News: We would all like to congratulate Charlotte on the birth of her son Jack who was born on 2nd June weighing 8lbs 2oz. In Charlotte's absence Caren is Acting Manager and Jasmine is Acting Deputy Manager. We would also like to congratulate Demi on her promotion to Educator in the 3-4's area.



Celebration Day

We had a fantastic day thank you all for coming. We raised £260 which we will spend on some new resources for the Centre!

Lending Library

Will be open from the 20th July. Initially it will be available to parents and carers to support their child's play, learning and development in areas where they need additional support. Your child's keyperson will help you decide on which resource would be most helpful.

A full roll out to include signing up & membership cards will take place in October 2016 with an open day for parents to view what we have and find out how the library will operate.

Clothing & Essentials

Please ensure all clothes are named. Please ensure your child has a bottle of sun cream in nursery and comes with a sun hat over the warmer days. Wellies and raincoats on the wet ones!

Children need to come to nursery with a spare set of clothes, enough nappies and baby wipes if your child requires them, or spare underwear in case of accidents!

Donations

If you have any pots and pans / kitchen utensils that you no longer need we would appreciate them for the children to use outside in the mud kitchen.

We also love anything such as boxes / tubes and pots we can use for junk modelling!

Holidays & Days Out

We will be making a map of the world and marking every place the children and staff go in the summer. Please let us know if you are going away (near or far) so we can add it to our board. If you would like, please bring in photos for the children to show their friends or send us a postcard.

ParentZone

Please upload photos and observations to your child's learning journey. We have created a new information board in the inner foyer area to give you ideas of what photographs and observations we will be looking for.

If you would like a link to 'What to expect, when' which explains the Early Years Foundation Stage on how we decide where your child is, then please see a member of staff. If you need help in anyway with your child's ParentZone account please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

News from 0-2's

We have re-organised the 0-2 area to create a calm, natural and inviting area for the 0-2's to explore. The 0-2's have particularly enjoyed the little nooks and cosy corners we have created – we have noticed that the 0-2's feel more confident to speak to one another in these spaces.

Over the term we have focused on supporting and encouraging independence and choice – we have provided 0-2's with free access to mark making materials and ask children to choose what they would like to eat for café (utilising props and signs to do this). From our observations we have noticed that our children are very interested in looking and talking about their peers using the tablets. We would like to extend this by focussing on a project about family. We would appreciate if you could bring in or email (childcare@bridgwater.ac.uk) a picture of your little one and some of their family members. We hope to create a family tree of the 0-2's and their families – to encourage communication and a sense of belonging to the setting.

Wowberrys

We have introduced the Wowberry to our nursery – If your child has achieved something special at home please let us help celebrate it by completing a Wowberry.

These will then be displayed on The Wowberry Bush in the Reception area and celebrated each week with the children.

Working in Partnership

We would like to introduce some opportunities throughout the nursery sessions for you to come into the nursery to share some of your talents with the children.

Some examples : • Reading a story • Gardening • Craft Activity • Cooking If a member of your family (Mum, Dad, Granny, Grandad etc.) would like to participate then please see Caren or Jasmine to arrange a suitable day and time.

Absence & Sickness

We have a board on the reception counter that displays if any children in the centre have had any illness you need to be aware of.

If your child is ill or is going to be absent from Nursery for whatever reason, please can you ring in or email by **gam** if possible. Please remember if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before coming back to nursery.

If they are unwell and require Calpol, they are too ill to be in nursery, please keep them at home.
This is to prevent the spread of the illness.



Special Offer

We have some vouchers for a family portrait sitting and an 8x6 print available for a **reduced price of £20** (they are usually £50!) if you are interested please speak to reception.

What 2-3's have been doing.....

- We have been developing fine motor skills through our funky fingers activities
- Experimenting with different mediums to mark make
- Exploring & Experimenting with fruits and vegetables
- We have introduced a book of the week

Children are really enjoying the layout of our new room, with more exciting changes planned over the summer.

We are collecting junk modelling items and real items for our role play – please speak to a member of the team if you can help.

Parents Views

Please remember that the nursery offers an open door policy – if you have something on your mind no matter how big or small please do pop in for a chat with Caren, Jasmine or your key person. In the unlikely event that we cannot see you straight away we will book an appointment.

We also have a Parent Comment Box in the Reception area, we would value your views and ideas to help us improve the service we offer.

Changes

Please remember to communicate with us at all times and inform us of any changes to home or any other circumstances to do with your child. Including contact numbers and address changes.

September Childcare Places

We are taking bookings for new children to start in September in our 3-4 area, if you know anyone looking for Childcare please pick up an application form for them from reception.

Holiday Play-Scheme

If you have a term time only place and require additional sessions in the holidays, please let us know. We are taking bookings for school aged children up to the age of 8 for the school holidays. If you or anyone you know needs childcare in the holidays please contact us for more information.

It is everyone's responsibility, to care for children if you ever have any concerns about a child who you know you can speak to Caren Safeguarding Lead or telephone NSPCC 0800 800 5000

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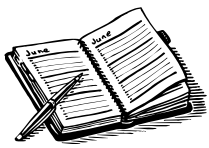
News from 3-4's

This term we have been really busy. We have learnt lots about space, we even had our own space station! We have recently incorporated a wake & shake into our routine, this gets us ready for our busy day ahead.

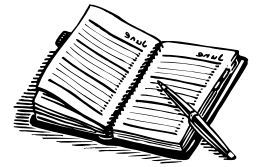
We have also been experimenting with mixing water colours using pipettes, continuing to practice our IT skills and writing skills. We have also been creating lots of art work such as vegetable printing, making jelly fish and mark making with cars and forks.

Elliott from Premier Sport came to visit us, we played lots of games and all the children enjoyed his visit so much we look forward to welcoming him back next term to work with the children on British Gymnastics Fundamental Course (movement ideas for early years).

Have a fun filled summer!



Dates for your Diary



Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Friday 1 st July 2016
Summer Holidays	21 st July – 31 st August 2016
Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed	29 th August 2016
Jeans for Genes Day	Friday 23 rd September 2016
Timeless Images Photos	Wednesday 12 th October 2016
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Half Term	24 th October – 28 th October 2016
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Thursday 27 th October 2016
Stay and Play	Monday 31 st October 2016
Children in Need	Friday 18 th November 2016
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Friday 16 th December 2016
Christmas Holidays	19 th December – 30 th December 2016
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd January 2017
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Monday 13 th February 2017
Half Term	13 th February – 17 th February 2017
Easter Holidays	3 rd April – 13 th April 2017
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Tuesday 4 th April 2017
Bank Holiday	Friday 14 th April 2017
Bank Holiday	Monday 17 th April 2017
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2017
Bank Holiday	Monday 29 th May 2017
Half Term	30 th May – 2 nd June 2017
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Friday 7 th July 2017
Summer Holidays	25 th July – 31 st August 2017
Bank Holiday	Monday 28 th August 2017
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Friday 1 st September 2017