



Weekly Update

Date 7th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nursery School

Please see the invitation to **“Everybody write together”** on Tuesday 27th June 9-10am and Thursday 29th June 2.30-3.30pm, details at the end of this newsletter.

The May **holiday club** was another success and children loved their cooking and all the outdoor experiences especially water play! Please book for July/August as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment. This only applies to term time children as all year children are automatically included.

We are looking at re-opening the **café** as soon as possible but due to long delays in the necessary paperwork this is taking longer than anticipated! In the meantime do you have a spare hour on any weekday between 10am and 2pm this term to serve drinks and cake please? If this is of interest please do let reception know and we will be in touch.

71% of you have registered to receive **parentmail**, for those of you who have not yet registered please do ask at reception if you need any help. It is an easy way to receive all our news.

Important dates

Monday 17th July 3.30-5pm Family picnic for children leaving Hazel Avenue nursery in HA garden

Tuesday 18th July 3.30-5pm Family picnic for children leaving York Road nursery in YR garden

Week beginning Monday 3rd July parent meetings

Friday 21st July Nursery term ends at 12.45pm for all term time children

Children's Centre

We had busy Garden Open Days at both York Road and Hazel Avenue over the half-term and were very lucky with the weather.

This Saturday (10th June) there will be a drop in Play and Learn Session at Hazel Avenue from 9:45 -11:15 am. Although the sessions are aimed at children under 5 years, older siblings up to the age of 11 years are most welcome.

A date for your diary, Tuesday 4th July 11:00 – 12 noon, we will be holding another Multicultural library and coffee morning at York Road. This provides families with a dedicated space to share and discuss information on multilingual upbringing. Guidance and resources include parenting books, magazines and articles will be available on site.

A 3 week workshop, raising your multilingual child, will be run on Wednesdays, 5th, 12th and 19th July, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. at Hazel Avenue. If you wish to attend please call reception.

Kind regards

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Sun safety

Please ensure that all children have sun cream applied prior to attending nursery. If your child attends the nursery from **8am-6pm** please bring sun cream clearly labelled with your child's name and staff will 'top up' after lunch.

Please remember to provide your child with a sun hat and cool, light clothing in hot weather. Shoulders should be covered to protect them from the sun.

Footwear should be suitable for running and climbing so no crocs or flip flops please.

We will encourage children to stay in the shade in the garden and to drink plenty of water.





Ways to support and encourage your child's mark making at home (including developing muscles in preparation for writing)

- Make and manipulate playdough – make straight lines, curly shapes, form letter type shapes
- Chalk or paint on an outside wall or on the ground using water and different types of brushes (brooms, builders brushes)
- Draw letters and patterns with your fingers in shaving foam, flour, sugar, sand, paint, rice, salt
- Use arms and hands to draw huge shapes in the air with ribbons, scarves and streamers, dance around with them to music
- Make letters and cards to post to family members and friends
- 'Write' shopping lists, menus, letters, cards, invitations.... (let your child attempt their own letters or squiggles and then 'read' it back to you)
- Use everyday objects such as sticks, pebbles, conkers, fir cones, shells, pasta to make patterns
- Scrunch up paper into a ball to throw into a basket or a bucket
- Transfer small objects such as rice, cereal, beads from one bowl to another using tweezers or chopsticks
- Thread beads, buttons or pasta onto shoelaces
- Tear newspaper into strips placing both hands at the top of the page and pulling in opposite directions
- Use 'fun', 'grown up' writing resources such as ballpoint pens, envelopes, note books, birthday cards, post it notes, sticky labels
- Use cotton buds to draw with paint or water
- Draw in the mud with a stick
- Mix water and cornflour together and make a trail that magically disappears
- Put paper in the bottom of a tray, dip a marble, conker into paint and pick the tray up to roll it around to leave tracks
- Write on balloons and bananas – seriously, try it!



‘Everybody Write Together’

Tuesday 27th June 9-10am

Thursday 29th June 2.30-3.30pm

Please join us and experience different ways of supporting your child’s mark making in preparation for learning to write. There will be lots of fun ideas that you can do at home. There is no pressure to write recognisable letters necessarily (although some children are ready for this). We focus on building up the strength and muscles needed for handwriting and the ability to draw circles and lines as a preparation for forming letter shapes. We encourage the children to give a meaning to their marks and model the way in which we, as adults, write and the purposes of writing.

Please ask your child’s key person if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you.

