



June 2015 Newsletter

Concerned about childcare during the summer school holidays?

With 7 weeks to occupy the children this summer, we are all wondering how we will keep them amused and busy, whether you work or just want a bit of time out for yourself, or simply want your child to enjoy different activities, we have lots of holiday club activities to keep them busy, from junk modelling, jewellery making and gardening to outdoor games and walks. We have something for everyone. Children are welcome to join in with the various activities, whether it's for half a day, a full day or all week. Places are limited so book soon, we can take children up to 8 years.

Babies discover their senses

In our baby room this month we have been singing 'Incy Wincy Spider' encouraging the children to use the actions associated with the words.

We are still developing the family area and are asking for small cereal boxes please. These will be decorated, covered and family pictures attached so children can visualise their family around them. We would also like donations of bubble wrap, any size is okay, as the children will be putting this on their feet and hands to paint with, giving them a sensory experience whilst creating a unique piece of art for you to treasure for years to come.

We will be creating treasure baskets for each child, a sensory experience including different materials such as wood, metal and fabrics to improve their understanding of textures. Please bring items in for your child, these could include metal teaspoon, wooden spoon, lamb's wool collected on a walk and any fabrics.

Toddler role play

Our toddlers have been reading 'Sleeping Beauty' together and role playing the story with each other. They are also learning the rhyme 'There was a Princess long ago' and developing art skills using spaghetti in an imaginative and creative way to make trees!

Stay and play sessions

For those toddlers moving down to our pre-school we are running stay and play sessions during the week of 29 June between 9.30-11am or 2-3pm. Book your session now and come and spend time with your child for a fun and interactive time, learning more about what happens next on your child's journey with us. Pre-school staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about their transition. Additional settling in times will be arranged by letters out to parents as we want to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible for your child.

Preschool Fun

Our pre-schoolers are learning about different modes of transport as we head towards the summer holidays. We are getting them thinking about how we move around with cars, trains, planes and boats.

A trip to Richmond library is planned for Tuesday 9 June to take part in a music session where the children can join in.

Worried about preparations for big school?

As we reach the time to say goodbye to some of our pre-schoolers as they move to 'big' school we are working hard to ensure this time is as smooth as possible for them. We have already had several teachers visit the nursery from local schools. They have been welcomed in and have interacted well with the children in their familiar environment. Teachers learnt each child's name and are looking forward to welcoming them into their Reception class in September. We will also be arranging visits to the local schools with the children to assist in this very important step in their lives. If you have any concerns at all about moving up to school please feel free to speak to a member of staff so that we can do all we can to make this a happy event. Our first visit is to the Methodist on Tuesday 9 June at 9.30am.

Summer Dates

Term finishes for funded places on Friday 10th July, whilst term time children finish on 17th July. If you would like additional cover in the final week of term, please book your spaces now to avoid disappointment. Alternatively, if you would like care for your child during the summer school holidays or just want them to have some fun, remember to book into our summer holiday club.

The hair has gone!!

Congratulations to Luke who bravely had his head shaved in support of the Neuro Foundation. Watched by children and parents alike, Luke first had his hair plaited so that the plaits could be used to make children's wigs before having the rest shaved off!! Luke raised just over £500 which went to the Neuro Foundation, thanks for all your donations and support.

Barn Development News

The barn is well underway now and we are working to an opening day of the 10 July pm, we will keep you posted on this so that you can have a look around. It is very exciting to finally see it happen, we are hoping to serve hot meals from the upstairs room, which the Methodist have offered as a service, we will be discussing the next parents meeting.

Parents Group Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 June 7 – 9pm. Included on the agenda will be developing our outside area and meal facilities for children. We will have food tastings from the chef at the Methodist school, so please come along. If you are unable to attend but have some ideas, please email us on info@rooftopsnurseryschool.co.uk or speak to a member of staff.

Training Continues to develop staff

Congratulations to Sheila who recently completed her First Aid Course & Safeguarding Children. Jackie is due to update her First Aid certificate shortly. Caroline & Courtney are due to attend a 'Mark Making' day where they will learn how to use different methods of making a mark, not just with pens, but fingers in the sand and lots of other ways children can learn how to express themselves. Hannah & Caroline have attended a 'Closing the Gap' day which aims to work more closely with parents on their child's development. Hannah and Debbie also recently attended a conference entitled 'EYPP (Early Years Pupil Premium) Money' focusing on additional funding for pre school children.

One off sessions

Did you know we are available for one off sessions? If you are faced with an emergency or just need care for an extra session or day, please feel free to contact us and check late availability.

Parent's quick reminders

- Holiday club bookings now being taken, please call 01748 823667 to book
- Parents Group Meeting Wednesday 17 June 7 – 9pm
- Donations of bubble wrap and junk modelling (no toilet rolls please!) required for both floors
- Remember different textured items for your child's treasure basket (babies)
- Please continue to bring in family pictures for our upstairs children
- Toddler room – book your stay and play session if your child is moving into pre-school
- Pre-school Tuesday 9 June – visit to the Methodist School at 9.30am and a visit to Richmond Library at 2.30pm
- Bring in clearly labelled sun cream, hats and sunglasses
- **Term ends on Friday 10th July for funded children and 17 July for term time children**

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