

Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

Newsletter - Summer 1

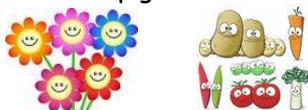
Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed the Spring Holidays.

Themes for the Half Term

In addition to following the children's current interests, we will continue to look at seasonal changes and to look at typical spring life cycles. Last half term, we observed eggs hatching and ducklings growing; this half term, we will watch what's happening to the tadpoles in our Forest School.



We will be doing lots of planting too. We will be using some of the things we grow when we cook in nursery and also for the Arley Hall Garden Competition on **23rd and 24th June**. Look out for further details about Arley Hall in your child's pigeon hole.



Other Events

We are hoping to plan a number of educational visits on our minibus linking in with children's current interests. Take a look at our display in the entrance area to see where we have been so far.

School Photos

We have set up a dedicated email account for you to send photos of your child(ren) to us. We can print them out in nursery and add them to your home learning story or VIP home learning sheet. If you would like any further information on this, please see your child's key worker.

The name of the account is: *School Photos*

The email address is:

pics.sandylane@gmail.com



Something to Celebrate

Birthdays this half term include:

Keilon, Bailey, Vaida, Layla, Oliver, Jakub, Gracie, Cameron, Hayley, Jaxon, Charlie, Mia, Lylia-Mae, Alistair, Omolola, Amelie, Layton, Ayansh, Freddie and staff, Lynn and Katy.



Sun Protection

Hopefully, the weather will start to warm up over the next few weeks, so please make sure your child is well protected. Please apply sun cream to your child before the session and this should last for the time your child is with us. It is also advisable to wear a t-shirt that covers the shoulders and a sun hat.



Footwear

Please could we ask that your child continues to wear sensible footwear, eg, trainers or a full secure sandal. Flip flop styles **are not** appropriate in a nursery environment due to the nature of nursery equipment.



Clothing

Please could you return any nursery clothing you have at home. We are running out of changes of clothing for the children and we are desperate!



Nursery Sessions

Please can we remind you that we have a staggered starting time for both sessions: 8.30-8.45 am and 12.15-12.30 pm. We are happy for your child to arrive between these times - this allows for those of you who need to fit in other school drop offs.

Afternoon parents please DO NOT arrive in the reception area before 12.10 pm. The area is NOT suitable for children having to wait a long time before the nursery session actually starts.

School Holidays

Please note the following holiday dates:

- We will be closed on Monday, 7th May for May Bank Holiday;
- The last day before the Whit Holidays will be Friday, 25th May; and we will reopen on Monday, 11th June.

Portfolios

If you have taken your child's portfolio home to look at and you still have it, please remember to bring it back so that more exciting pictures and information can be put into it. Remember that you can look at your child's portfolio any time.

Book Bags

Remember that library day is Wednesday but you are free to pick a new book for your child any day. Rainbow children's parents who want to select a book from Garden Room are invited to do so any day too.

A Spotlight on Values

In nursery, we spend lots of time working together to support and nurture our nursery values. The shared values we are 'spotlighting' this half term are '**being kind**' and '**being friendly**'. Children and staff will be sharing stories and talking about what these values mean. We will also be celebrating when we see children demonstrate them. Look out for 'Star of the Week' and our entrance display.

Health and Safety

In order to ensure the safety of all children, please take note of the following. At the end of the nursery session:

- If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please wait until staff have handed over all of the other children to their parents/carers



Can you help?

Children are now loving their weekly access to Forest School sessions. We could always do with extra pairs of hands so do you have any spare time on a **Tuesday or Wednesday**? Could you help out in Forest School? If you are interested, please speak to your child's key worker



Save the Date

Community Walks in Garden Room are on **17th April** for children attending 30 hours group and **18th April am and pm** for children who attend mornings or afternoons. Parents are invited to join their children on a walk around the community, being shape and number detectives. We rely on your help and attendance to enable this activity to take place. If you need any further information, please speak to your child's key worker.

Stockley Farm Trip

Children from Garden Room and Rainbow Room will be visiting Stockley Farm on either **19th or 20th June**. **Parent helpers are needed to support this trip so please save the date if you are able to help.** Further information will be available soon, alongside requests for help. Look out for details of the Sunshine Room trip soon too!



Something to think about...

