

Sweet Peas Newsletter

April 2014



Family Room Updates

This term we have had lots of fun! We have learnt about Spring in the lead up to Easter. For Easter we decorated eggs, made cards and had an Easter Bonnet Parade. May we



take this opportunity to thank all Parents who helped to make the Bonnets and a massive Congratulations to the winners!

We have had a few visits to the Library this past few weeks (even braving the rain) and had some trips out to the local parks in the sun!

In phonics we have been learning more single letter sounds and some which have two letters such as ng, oo, ch and sh. Our next letter sounds we will be learning are th, qu and oi. You could show your Child words with these sounds in and practise writing them to help with their learning development.

Our Children have enjoyed playing with the boxes left over from the new water trays and toys. They created pirate ships, noise makers and a house!

We have also been learning new dances such as the 'Hey Macarena' and 'The music man'.

The Children were excited to see the local Firemen arrive in their Fire Engine to our car park. They took it in turns to sit in the cabin and sprayed the large water hose. It was a fun day so we would like to thank the Children for being patient and well behaved.



Baby Suite Updates

Our Children have had a lovely time this Spring. They have been busy creating lots of things such as:-

- * Easter Bonnets
- * Easter Sticky Pictures
- * Hand & Foot Prints



We have enjoyed baking some delicious Easter buns that were taken home to enjoy.

We had an educational visit to our local library where we joined lots of other Children and read lots of different books, sang songs and explored the setting.

Music

We have been singing animal related songs so Children are recognising the sounds and we have used the puppets to accompany the songs. We have been using musical instruments to teach them about different sounds and techniques of using the instruments.

Thank you to Karen Harrop for giving us a taster session of Tinytalk baby signing. The babies enjoyed it very much.

Our Babies enjoyed getting involved when the Fire Engine came to Nursery, some of the Babies enjoyed sitting in the cabin or



spraying the hose! It was a fun morning that was enjoyed by all Children and staff.

Next Term

We have lots more outings planned so we can enjoy the sunny weather which will include walks to the park, visit to the library and many more. We will be working hard on our Summer board by creating some summer themed pictures such as sunshine, bucket & spades, hats etc.

New Term New Starters

We have lots of new Children joining us this month so please join us in welcoming everyone, we hope they enjoy their new adventures at Sweet Peas.

Welcome back Cleo!

We would like you all to join us in welcoming Cleo back to our team. She has been enjoying doing music sessions with Children for Caterpillar Music, but was keen to come back to working with our lovely Children.



Paperless Invoices

You may already be aware that from May we will be trialling our paperless invoice system. We have asked you to update us with your preferred email address. We will issue invoices as normal at the beginning of each month so please look out for it and if you have any problems you can call us on 0113 2873388 or email: info@sweetpeasnursery.co.uk

Thank you in advance for your patience whilst we test this system.

Reminders & Safety Notices!!!!

- If you have holidays booked please advise the staff with as much notice as possible.
- If you need to amend your child's regular sessions please advise us in writing; with 4 weeks notice minimum however we will do our best to accommodate your needs.
- IMPORTANT NOTICE (CAR PARK SPEED) For the safety of all children and families please can parents be aware of your speed in the car park.
- May we also remind you that all Children are to be transported to and from Nursery in the correct manner. All Children must be seated in a car seat and not to be sat on an adults knee.
- Whilst we appreciate it is polite to hold the door open for other parents or visitors, please refrain from doing this if you do not recognise them as we have a security coded door in place to protect all of our Children.
- Please do not use your mobile phone inside of the Nursery at anytime.
- Regarding payments, please ensure you are paying standing orders into the correct bank account; Barclays Bank Sort Code 20 33 42 Account No. 73216381. Please use your Child's name as reference.

Sustainability — Looking after the Environment

This term we ask for your help in educating our Children about the importance of looking after the environment. We are collecting items for recycling such as cardboard boxes, paper, newspaper, clean tins, plastic bottles etc. We are going to have different bins to teach the Children about the different materials and how they can become something different after recycling. We will look out for the bin men coming to collect our bins but in the meantime we would ask if anyone who works in this industry could come into Nursery to speak to the Children about recycling?

School Holidays

May Bank Holiday—Please note we are closed Monday 5th May 2014.

Summer Mid Term—Schools break up Friday 23rd May and return Monday 2nd June 2014 Please note we are closed for Bank Holiday Monday 26th May 2014.

Happy 4th Anniversary to Sweet Peas Nursery!

Please join us to celebrate our 4th birthday on
Thursday 1st May

Congratulations Heléna from all the Staff and Children

