

# Sweet Peas Nursery Newsletter

## June 2017



### Baby Suite Updates

It has been a busy start to the year in baby suite, we have welcomed lots of new babies to our room and they have all settled in really well and are building good bonds with their key person and friends in the nursery.

We have had numerous occasions that we have enjoyed such as Mothers Day, Easter and Comic Relief. For Comic Relief we held a parent bake off which successfully raised a lot of money for charity. (The children have been educated about children who are less fortunate.) Our Baby Suite's winner was Oliver's parents - Well done!

For Mothers Day, the Children loved getting creative making cards, exploring different materials and practising their fine motor skills. We shared photos of people who are special to us and spoke about been happy with family.

Our ongoing story board has been 'Tiny Creatures (Peppa Pig story)' . The Children have loved making their own garden for the display which included exploring our senses to make mud using cornflour, baking soda, food colouring and shredded tissue paper— it was very sticky and lots of fun. The children enjoyed practising animal noises whilst playing in the mud which is excellent for their speech and language development as they were learning to move their mouths and tongues in different ways.

The children had a walk to see the flowers in the area including our sponsored Garforth in Bloom boxes. There has been a lot of building of towers with Duplo in the Baby suite as the Children exercise their fine and gross motor skills and even matching colours! We took the bricks outside to extend the Children's learning to different environments.



### Family Room Updates

We love engaging in imaginative role play that is based on first hand experiences in the Family Room: you may have noticed we had a flower shop ready for Mothers Day which followed on nicely from our topic of looking at and talking about the parts of a flower, and how things change over time. The Children really enjoyed taking on the role of shop keeper and customer, using manners and good conversational skills.

Erin and Anabelle decided it would be a good idea to change the role play area to an ice cream parlour. The Children enjoyed making ice lollies to sell and it extended the Children's maths skills through use of colours and identifying numbers too.

In our regular French lessons we learnt a story about Easter time. The story was called 'The flying bells' where wings appear on the bells to visit Rome to be blessed by the Pope and collect chocolate goodies to give to French children. We learnt new words for chicken (poulet), rabbit (lapin) and egg (oeuf). Not only did the Children demonstrate fantastic listening and attention skills they were able to recall the story that we had used to extend their knowledge and understanding of the world and different ways of life.

Following the Deaf Awareness Training we had earlier this month, the book we have been focusing on has been "Dachy's Deaf" by Jack Hughes. After sharing the story the children have been discussing the purpose of hearing aids and painting pictures of the dinosaurs with hearing aids on.



## Staff Updates

We would like to formally welcome our new Deputy Manager Chloe Hopkins, Baby Suite Room Senior Caroline Robinson, Child Care Practitioner Belinda Jackson. We are also close to securing a new Nursery Teacher starting very soon. We will give more details once finalised.

## Recent World News

Our Children have taken part in a minutes silence to acknowledge the events that unfolded in Manchester this May. We were very proud of the Children who listened very carefully and did their best to be quiet and show their respect.

## Nursery Photographer

We have Little Giraffe photography coming to nursery on the Wednesday 14th June 2017. He will be photographing **all** children in on that day but you are more than welcome to bring your child in if it isn't their regular session. Please book an appointment with the office by telephone or email. Remember to bring in clothes if you want them in something different.

## Summer Season

We would like to remind all parents to bring in sun hats and suitable clothing for the children for the nice weather we are enjoying. We would also recommend bringing a spare pair of clothes. During the summer we are having lots of fun in the garden and we often have messy play or use water to have fun and cool down and so spare clothes would come in useful.

## Funding Dates

### Summer Term

Stretched 3rd April 2017—3rd Sept 2017  
Term Time 17th April 2017—23rd July 2017

### Autumn Term

Stretched 4th Sept 2017—24th Dec 2017  
Term Time 4th Sept 2017—17th Dec 2017  
**Please ask if unsure about these dates and what they mean.**

## School Holidays

Summer holiday dates are:  
School ends Wednesday 26th July  
School starts Monday 4th September  
**\*Please check with local schools as may differ from school to school**

**Nursery is Closed on Monday 28th August for Bank Holiday.**

## Reminders

- If you have holidays booked please advise the staff with as much notice as possible. If you need to amend your child's sessions please advise us in writing; we need 4 weeks notice minimum however we will always 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.
- 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 also use your Child's name as reference.
- **ENTRANCE DOOR** - We would like to remind parents about the importance of **NOT** holding the main entrance door open for other people. We appreciate this is normally a polite thing to do but unless you know who you are letting in, then we would ask that you avoid it.

**Thank you all for your continued support!**

## Building our Children's future together...

We are investing £750,000 to extend Sweet Peas Nursery in response to the new Government initiative to deliver 30hours Free Child Care to every Child in the UK. Work starts on site on June 4<sup>th</sup>, as our contractors (The Together Group) begin to demark safe working zones.

It is essential that everyone takes extra care in the Car Park while the works are ongoing, including ensuring your children stay safe.

The development work includes the conversion of half of Monkey Maze into dedicated Nursery space for 1 to 3 year olds. This new space will be linked directly to the existing family room, but will also have new toilets, new kitchen and changing areas. We are also developing new offices, because as you may have noticed, we have run out of space for our excellent Management team.

The most immediate change you will notice will be the long awaited revamp of our reception area. Unfortunately, today we do not know exactly what we have to contend with above the existing ceiling, so that bit will be fun.

To complete the project, we pull the front of Monkey Maze forward to create a more light and airy play area, with new Café area and a brand new play frame.

We have chosen to work with Bowman Riley Associates: Architects and The Together Group, Construction Contractors. Both these companies come with a high pedigree for collaboration and for safety in operation. The safety of all site users will be everyone's highest priority. Should any aspect of anything you see on site trouble you, please do not hesitate to contact the Nursery Management team.

We will keep you posted with regular updates as work progresses.

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Proposed View Looking South



Proposed View Looking North