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Newsletter – Issue 6

Welcome to our 6th newsletter!

Highlights

- All of our staff recently received the full first aid training course or either the annual **First Aid training** refresher course in January;
- Karen joined us recently as our new cook and has replaced Wendy. Karen has many years of experience working as a cook in schools and has settled in well.
- The children have enjoyed taking part in activities to celebrate “Chinese New Year”; and
- We have had a few outings recently to the local park and woods, library and the post office. As the weather gets better we will be planning more outings and thank you for your suggestions put forward.

Staffing

As you are all aware, Sam will be leaving us at the end of the month and we would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best for the future. Linda will be taking over the role of manager and we would like to congratulate her on this promotion.

In addition, we have recruited Serena Dennis (Level 3) who has just started with us and will be leading the pre school room and Claire Buswell (Level 3) who will start at the beginning of April in the pre school room. We would like to welcome them both to the team.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete a questionnaire. We value all of your input and feedback and will come back individually on any particular points raised.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers! Please pop your vouchers into the box located in the entrance.

Fees

Please can we remind you that Fees are payable in advance on the 1st of each calendar month.

Medication - Calpol

We have recently reviewed our medication policy and procedure with regard to the provision of liquid paracetamol. We have taken the decision to change our procedure which has previously required parents to provide their own bottle of liquid paracetamol subject to consent to the nursery storing their own supply of 5ml Calpol sachets to be administered if consent has been provided. No other part of the policy will be changing and we will shortly issue a revised policy along with new consent forms for parents to sign.

Easter

We hope you all enjoyed our Christmas festivities and with that in mind, we are now looking forward to our Easter activities and our toddlers and pre-schoolers are busy preparing for our Easter play. This will be held on Thursday 2nd April at 4pm along with our Easter bonnet parade and Easter egg hunt. We welcome all our parents to come and watch.

Reminders

- Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details and also emergency contact details;
- Please can we remind you that the nursery closes at 6pm; and
- check your child's bag regularly, you may need some more spare clothes.

Fundraising

We will be holding a 'pyjama day' at the nursery on Wednesday 15th April to help raise funds for St Georges Hospital.



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Expectations at Sunshine

At Sunshine we promote our expectations within the nursery; please can you help us promote these at home by using the following posters:



Walk when we are inside



Share and take turns



Use our indoor voices and kind words



Keep our hands and feet to ourselves

Website

Please remember to visit us at:

www.sunshinedaynurseries.co.uk

We will shortly be updating the website to include our Newsletters, Frequently Asked Questions and Forthcoming vents.



Weather Ahead...

In anticipation to the weather getting better and in preparation for this we remind you that if you want to bring in your own sun hats and sun cream we can store them at nursery.

Information on Safety & Use of Social Networking

Sunshine believes the safety of children in childcare provision is paramount; therefore it is our intention to provide an environment which Children, Parents, Volunteers and Staff are safe at all times.

We work with the children to ensure their safety and to give them the very best start in life. We introduce key elements of child protection into our programme to promote the personal, social and emotional development of all children, so that they may grow to be strong, resilient and listened to and so that they develop understanding of why and how to keep safe.

To protect all children at Sunshine we have a clear policy on the acceptable use of social networking sites that is understood and adhered to by all parties concerned without exception. Please let us know if you would like a copy of this policy.



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Regular Visitors

Zoolab visit the nursery every quarter to demonstrate to the children how animals deal with each season and prepare for the season ahead.

Totstars visit the nursery on the last Tuesday of every month and provide the pre-school children with a session on basketball, football and volleyball. To give you an idea of the fun the children have with Totstars, please visit this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtpkM_xBw1Y

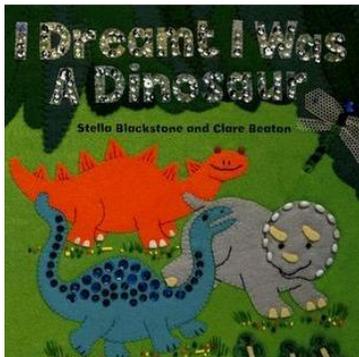
Sing & Sign visit the nursery once a month to provide all children with a session on signing.

Musical Bumps visit the nursery once a month to provide all children with a session on music and dance.

Courtnoore has started with a unique and impressive combination of music, movement, props and imaginary play

Toddler Room

This term's special book will be "I Dreamt I Was A Dinosaur". With dinosaurs of particular interest amongst the toddlers at present, this book will help the children think about their feelings and their families.



This term's songs:

Grand Old Duke Of York

*The Grand old Duke of York he had ten thousand men
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And he marched them down again.
When they were up, they were up
And when they were down, they were down
And when they were only halfway up
They were neither up nor down.*

Pre-School

In addition to practising for the Easter play, this term we will be continuing to work on last term's themes: Traditional nursery rhymes has been a common interest amongst the children in pre-school and will help to build on their communication skills and also develop their confidence.

We will also be building on our collection of science resources alongside the natural early resources or sand and water to help develop the imagination and learning particularly for our older pre-schoolers.



Skills the pre-school children will be developing this term.

The pre-school children will be continuing to tackle road safety, which will help them to develop the skills to "stop", "look" and "listen". The children will be able to use these skills when they are out with you.

Please remember to check your child's trays and take home their creations. We would be grateful if you could also refrain from bringing in large toys into nursery. Smaller toys would be better as we are limited on space

This term's songs:

Little Miss Muffet

*Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey,
Along came a spider who sat down beside her,*

Look There's A Dinosaur

Sung to : "Wind the Bobbin Up"

Look, there's a dinosaur
 Look, there's a dinosaur
 Look, look over there.
 Look, there's another one
 Look, there's another one
 Look, look, run, run, run,
 There's one on the ceiling,
 One on the floor,
 One by the window,
 One by the door,
 Clap your hands together, 1, 2, 3,
 And if you see another one,
 Say "go away please!"

Baby Room

The contact books have been up and running for a while now and Hayley would welcome any feedback you may have, which can be provided by through your comments in the contact book.

The babies are becoming very independent at meal times and we have now introduced metal spoons for feeding. This, along with supporting the older babies to sleep comfortably on a bed, will encourage and support the baby's transitions into the Toddler room.

We have also set up an additional nappy changing area which is located within the sleep room to enable flexibility for changing throughout the day.

Now that the weather is getting better we will be reintroducing two sessions of garden play for the babies during the day to enable them to make the most of the outside environment.

Special Book

This terms special book is Farm animal stories to encourage the babies' enjoyment of farm animal figures, singing animal songs and learning animal songs.

Songs

Old MacDonald had a farm

Old MacDonald had a farm
 E.I.E.I.O
 And on that farm he had a cow,

And frightened Miss Muffet away!

I'm A Little Tea Pot

I'm a little teapot
 Short and stout
 Here is my handle
 Here is my spout.

When I get all steamed up
 Hear me shout
 "Tip me over
 and pour me out!"

Incy Wincy Spider

The incy wincy spider
 Climbed up the spout
 Down came the rain
 And washed the spider out
 Out came the sun
 And dried up all the rain
 And the incy wincy spider
 Climbed up the spout again



Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
 Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
 All the King's horses and all the King's men
 Couldn't put Humpty together again

Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks
 Went out one day
 Over the hill and far away
 Mother duck said
 "Quack, quack, quack, quack."
 But only four little ducks came back.

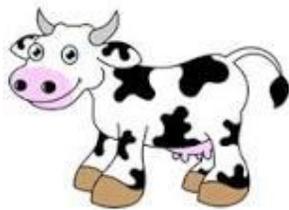
Repeat with four, three and two little ducks followed by:
 One little duck

E.I.E.I.O

With a moo moo here and a moo moo there
Old MacDonalld had a farm

E.I.E.I.O

Repeat adding different animals



Head, shoulders, knees and toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

Knees and toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

Knees and toes

And eyes and ears and mouth and nose

Head shoulders, knees and toes

Knees and toes.



Went out one day

Over the hill and far away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack, quack, quack."

But none of the five little ducks came back.

Sad mother duck

Went out one day

Over the hill and far away

The sad mother duck said

"Quack, quack, quack."

And all of the five little ducks came back.

Five Currant Buns

Five currant buns in the baker's shop.

Big and round with sugar on the top.

Along came a boy with a penny one day,

Bought a currant bun, and took it away.

Repeat with four, three and one currant bun.

If you're happy and you know it

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands

If you're happy and you know it and you really want
to show it

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.

Repeat using the following actions:

If you're happy and you know it nod your head

If you're happy and you know it stamp your feet

If you're happy and you know it shout "we are"

