

# Nursery Newsletter June 2018

We would like to welcome all the lovely new families who have joined us over the past few months.

### **Staffing**

Charlotte (our part-time Deputy Manager/Under 2's Room Manager) will be leaving us at the end of June to start her maternity leave. We wish her well and she will be greatly missed. We hope to find a full time Early Years Practitioner /U2's Room Manager (part-time maternity cover) to replace her soon. Delta will recommence her duties as part time Deputy Manager, sharing this role with Sarah.

### **Training**

Naomi finishes her EYITT training (early years initial teacher training) at the end of June to become a qualified Early Years' Teacher. Naomi has had designated time during the week to study and has completed her school placements.

# **Dates for your diary**

Leavers' Party: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 – 12:00pm

#### **NURSERY FUN DAY:**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August
11:00 – 1pm
There will be no parking available on site for this event or near the flats.
Please park in the surrounding road areas.
Donations of filled bottles of liquid would be much appreciated for the bottle stall. Thank you.

# Baby Buttercups

We have had lots of fun in the garden over recent weeks with the weather picking up and the garden finally drying out! The Baby Buttercups have enjoyed making music with our Jazzy Junk set, which is full of metal pots and pans, wooden spoons, baking trays, brushes and a bucket, which the babies had lots of fun making lots of different sounds with!

We have enjoyed taking lots of different and messy

activities outside with us over the past few weeks, such as mark making in flour and paint, baking buns and filling and emptying containers in water play.

We have enjoyed walking down to the forest school to explore our surroundings and search for different mini beasts in the undergrowth. We love digging in the mud using our wooden and metal spoons, picking up flowers, leaves and other natural objects and putting them into our containers to have



a look at.

The Baby Buttercups have started to make a lovely Summer display in the room, making foot print flip flops, collage parasols and a big beach ball!

As Babies love sensory activities, we have had lots of tactile trays for the



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babies to explore. We enjoy making lots of sounds exploring the textures of various cereals, crunching, stamping and squashing them in our hands and with our feet! We have had lots of coloured feathers, fibre optic lights, textured fabrics, sensory bottles and bricks, mirrors and heuristic objects to touch and feel.

When we have managed to get out on walks and trips, we have headed to Homestead Park and Forest School, walking down by the river and to the local library and park. We are hoping that we can get out much more over the coming weeks and will let you know in advance if we intend on going out on your child's day.

We have been sending out Home Interest sheets for you to fill in and return to us which help us to develop new play opportunities and plan activities around your little ones' interests. If there is anything you would like to see us doing with your children, please feel free to let us know!

We hope you all have a lovely Summer whether you go on holiday or stay at home in the sunshine!

Baby Buttercups: Charlotte, Katie, Sarah, Emma, Alison, Laura, Melissa & Kirsty <sup>(3)</sup>

# <u>Dancing Daisies</u> <u>and Super</u> Sunflowers

The Super Sunflowers and Dancing Daisies have enjoyed going on a few walks recently. We have been to Homestead park a couple of times and to the library to get some books and to have a little play in the park. We will be going on lots more outings during the summer as the weather hopefully will be better.

We are still enjoying learning Spanish with Sam and are using some Spanish words throughout the day and even going home singing Spanish songs that we have learnt.

We have been trying to separate the children during the days to have some Dancing Daisy and Super Sunflower time. We have been doing this so the children can benefit having activities based around their ages. We will continue doing this every day as it is making a BIG difference in the children's development.

The children have also been self-serving their own snacks and sometimes dinners. They have been pouring their own milk/water and have enjoyed this independence.

We have been going in the garden/field a lot more now the garden has dried. We have been asking the children what they would like to play with outside and they have been helping carry the toys outside.

Dancing Daisies and Super Sunflowers: Delta, Claire, Kirsty, Sue, Ellie, Michelle, Naomi & Sam 🔾

### Occupancy

The nursery occupancy is increasing. We have limited availability in the Under 2's room, but more availability in the Over 2's room from September.



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If you are thinking of increasing your hours please could you let Renate, Charlotte, Sarah or Delta know as soon as possible so we can check if we have availability.

Please can I remind you all that the notice period for leaving or reducing sessions is 2 months' written notice.

# 30 hours' funding

If you are eligible for 30 hours' funding, please remember to log onto your account every 3 months to confirm your eligibility. If you don't log in it will affect us being able to claim funding for your child.

If your child is eligible for funding from September, we will need you to provide us with your 11-digit eligibility code that you will receive from the council and your national insurance number. We will also need to see your child's birth certificate or passport to

prove their date of birth please. Thank you.

# Bags, Toys, food & drink from home

Please can we make sure that your child's bag is not a 'drawstring' one for safety reasons. Also **no food, drink or plastic bags** should be stored in them please. Food and drink from home should not be brought into nursery, only under 2's bottled milk. The reason for this is due to children's allergies.

Please only send in your child's named 'comforter' if needed for sleep. No other toys should be brought in to nursery because they can get lost or broken.

## **Spare Clothes**

Please remember to bring your child's bag with spare clothes in to nursery. We also need spare shorts/trousers in the Over 2's room and all types of clothes for the Under 2's room.

### **Road Safety**

Please can we all take care when driving in from Rawcliffe Lane and reduce our speed accordingly. There could be children, adults or cyclists around. Please enter via the slip road signed 'Riseborough House/Rawcliffe Holt' and exit via the other slip road.

Please encourage your child/children to stop when they reach the road on your departure from nursery.

### **Tapestry**

We would love to see more parents uploading photos to tapestry of what the children have been doing at home or on holiday! It helps us to plan exciting activities around the children's interests and 'next steps'. Please let a member of staff know if you are having trouble logging-in. ©

We welcome new ideas and involvement in nursery life from parents and carers. If you would like to discuss any ideas please do not

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hesitate to speak to me or email:

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Thank you for your continued support. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June or coming in to talk to your child's key person at other times.

#### **Facebook Sites**

Please have a look at our Josephs Nursery Group facebook site. There is both an open and closed group. Also there's a York Childcare facebook page too.

Renate and the Team.