

### Nursery Newsletter July 2019

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

### **Training**

Delta has now completed her Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) and Portage training.

We have all attended a Baby Sign course which we are using throughout the day in communicating with the children. The majority of the staff have also completed the first day of their Froebel training. Froebel invented Kindergartens and believed in the importance of child initiated play outside with a qualified practitioner supporting their learning.

#### Staff

We have a new baby room and deputy manager starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Melissa has moved to Heathers Nursery for a couple of months and then is studying Midwifery in September. We wish her all the best. Sarah and Tanya have also moved to Heathers Nursery.

Charlotte is on holiday in Greece for July but will be back in August.

### **Baby Buttercups**

The Baby Buttercups have continued having lots of fun exploring with the colour tactile trays.

The babies have also shown a great interest in the baby chicks which came to visit the nursery. They have enjoyed having lots of cuddles and watching them grow. They have also loved having the police man who came to visit. Observing him and trying on his hat and watching the flashing lights.

The Baby Buttercups have also had lots of fun getting messy painting, gluing and sticking for our summer display and have enjoyed learning about transport and the world.

The babies have been enjoying their regular trips to the forest school, looking for flowers and exploring the fairy garden. They have

shown great interest in looking for mini beasts and talking about the world around them.

The Baby Buttercups have been going on a lot of trips exploring and having lots of fun outdoors. Some of the trips include going to the park, ice cream shop, and to the library.

Baby Buttercups: Katie, Ellie F, Laura, Alison, Ellie A and Emma <sup>©</sup>

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

The Dancing Daisies and Super Sunflowers have had great fun watching the chicks hatch and holding them, we have been talking about caring for them and feeding them.

We also have had a Police Man come into nursery and we listened to him talk about his responsibilities and job role. We went outside and looked at his van and heard the very noisy siren.



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Some of the Super Sunflowers have visited the Handley Care Home that has just opened, and they did some crafts with the people that live there. We are aiming to visit here every half term.

We have been learning Makaton and have been focusing on two signs a week and are doing signs during the day. We have also been focusing on a different phonics sound each week and have created a phonics box that have items that start with that sound.

We have had some caterpillars come into nursery and we watched them transform into butterflies which released on a sunny day whilst the children had a picnic in the willows.

Dancing Daisies and Super Sunflowers: Delta, Claire, Kirsty, Sue, Michelle, Charlotte, and Ellie on a Friday 3

### Diary dates:

# Pre-school leavers party Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2 – 3:30.

If your child does not usually attend on this day then they are still welcome but must be dropped off and picked up promptly.

# Summer Fun/Open Day everyone welcome!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> August 11-1

We are having a variety of stalls and would appreciate any bottles you may want to donate and cakes/buns for the cake stall. If cakes are homemade please could you provide a list of ingredients. We are hoping to get some special guests to make it extra FUN.

### **Occupancy**

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

in the Over 2's from September.

### 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 do not log in it will affect us being able to claim funding for your child.

## Bags, Toys, food & drink from home

We have a number of children with food allergies in our nursery so please do not bring in food from home unless it is the Under 2's bottled milk. As we do have a number of children with different allergies.

#### **Summer Clothes**

As the weather is now warmer we would be very grateful if you could provide us with some sun cream and a sun hat for your child. Please also dress your child appropriately for the weather.

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### **Tapestry**

A big thank you to all the parents that upload photos onto Tapestry of what your children have been doing at home. We love to see what you have been getting up to and it does help us to identify children's interests and 'next steps.'

Thank you for your continued support.

Karen and the Team.