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Dear parents.

Hello everyone and welcome to our Easter newsletter. The year is going by so quickly and already it's Easter. The children have been really busy doing a variety of activities including action kids, group times, being creative, swimming, French, den making and many more. The staff have also been very busy and a few of us are continuing with further qualifications. Matt and Stacey are nearly at the end of their foundation degrees, Julie has just begun the foundation degree and I am doing my BA in Early Years. Staff also have updated their training on food hygiene and behaviour. All the staff and I wish you all a very good and



relaxing Easter and hopefully doesn't expand the waistline too much.

Very good wishes
Amy

R eminders

- Please can all parents securely close the front door behind them and not let anyone else into the building. Thank you
- Please can you bring in spare clothes for your child in case they get dirty or have an accident. Also can you avoid bringing in big bags for your child as we have limited space on the pegs.

- Please can all parents check the main gate for any clothing that belongs to your child, as this area will be cleared and clothing will go into nursery stock.
- Can all children's bags be taken home for Easter and refreshed, as clothing that may not be used becomes a little stagnant.

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In French this term the children have learned about their families. We sang a song called 'J'aime ma famille' (I love my family). The children then drew pictures of their families for their portfolios and linked it to our French song. The children have also been learning about fruits and their names in French. During the French session the children count, learn colours, learn how to say hello and goodbye, say how they are feeling and sing a variety of songs in French. The children seem to enjoy the French sessions and often use the language spontaneously during their play.

K eep Fit

In keep fit this term the children have been learning how to listen to instructions whilst playing a variety of games that develop



their co-ordination, colour recognition and spatial awareness. They participated in games including golf, balancing on stepping stones, basket ball and bat and ball games. Doing keep fit also helps the children's overall fitness and it helps to form friendships.



R hyme time

Rhyme time is well under way now and the children are really enjoying it. They have been learning new songs about spring time 'I'm a buzzy busy bumble bee' and 'springtime'. They have also been singing songs about colours and using musical instruments to tap out different rhythms. Rhyme time also helps develop self control as they have to listen to instructions and take turns. There are still spaces left for tooting owls and Playful Mice children if you are interested.

Swimming

This term we have welcomed a lot of new children to swimming. They have been working very hard to develop their water skills. The children have gained confidence in just a few weeks which is wonderful to see! The children's confidence has grown every week. They are overcoming fears of floating and improving each session. Some children have achieved the following:

<u>Ducklings 1</u>	<u>Ducklings 2</u>	<u>Ducklings 2</u>	<u>Ducklings 4</u>
Daniel	Isabella H	Sean	Ava
Lennon	Isabella M	Yazmin	
Reece	Lilian		
Sienna	Molly U		



Closure Dates

We will be closed on the following days.

Good Friday	3 rd April
Easter Monday	6 th April
Mayday	4 th May
Spring Bank holiday	25 th May
Summer bank holiday	31 st August

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

For the safety of the children, can all parents please ensure they **close the front door** when entering & leaving the building

“Forthcoming events.”



Forest school is an outdoor experience and an experienced ranger supports and guides the children with a variety of activities including magic potions, den making, 123 where are you, and many more. This is a six week activity beginning 17th April and it costs £60. If your child is in playful mice and you would like then to participate please let a member of staff know as soon as possible as spaces are limited.



Nursery trip to West Lodge Farm

This year for our nursery trip we are taking the children to West Lodge Farm. This is open to the children in the tooting owls and playful mice rooms. We are going on Wednesday 3rd June. If your child does not attend the nursery on the day of the trip you are welcome to swap their day or pay for an additional half a day fees. The trip cost is £20 and the children will have a hot meal at lunch time. Please add your child's name to the list on the notice board if you would like your child to attend. We can only take 40 children so it will be a first come first served basis. If you would like to know more please speak to Amy.



Garden development

In May the nursery is going to be having a new canopy put in our outdoor area. This will go alongside the nursery lining up with the building. We have removed cupboards from the garden to create more space so the children will have more space to play outside.

Due to the development in the garden we are getting a new cupboard outside the front of the building to store children's own pushchairs. This cupboard will be locked during the day from 9.30am and reopened at 4pm. This cupboard will then remain open over night. **The nursery does not hold any responsibility for your pushchairs if they are left over night.** Please ensure your pushchair is not left with us as it takes space for other parents to leave their pushchairs.



Dates for your diary

Funding Dates

Funding finished on 27th March and we restart on 20th April. It is a 12 week funding block. Funding will finish for the summer on 10th July and we recommence mid-September. If you have any questions regarding funding please ask Amy.

Fees

Please can all parents ensure all their fees are paid on time

Direct Debit

This is our fee's calendar dates for parents who pay by D/D. Anyone paying by vouchers should be aware that they need to 'top up' their fees when there is a 5 week month.

For any reason you cancel a D/D and then start up a new D/D a £10 charge will be made to cover additional administration.

Cheque's

A number of companies have now stated that will no longer accept cheque's. The Nursery wishes to follow this

and now request that all parents pay fees by **Direct Debit** or **Credit Card**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Maureen

Month	No. of weeks per month	Dates
January	4 Weeks	29/12/2014
February	5 Weeks	26/1/2015
March	4 Weeks	2/3/2015
April	5 Weeks	30/3/2015
May	4 Weeks	4/5/2015
June	5 Weeks	1/6/2015
July	4 Weeks	6/7/2015
August	4 Weeks	3/8/2015
September	5 Weeks	31/8/2015
October	4 Weeks	5/10/2015
November	5 Weeks	2/11/2015
December	4 Weeks	7/12/2015
	= <u>53 weeks</u>	