

Welcome

Hello and welcome to all the new families. We publish this newsletter to keep you informed about what is happening and hope that you feel involved with the nursery.



Photo of Ellie, in Toddlers who we welcomed in the last newsletter. But I forgot to put the photo in, sorry.



we couldn't do without. There is lots to do, its all free, bar the tombola and refreshments Donations for the tombola stall and cakes for the refreshments gratefully received. Hopefully see you there.

Staff News

We would like to welcome Laura (that means we have 3 now!) who will be working opposite Pat in Caterpillars. Laura is a Mum to 2 children herself so has lots of experience. She will also be training for her level 3 in childcare. Please also welcome Carys (Kayleigh's sister) who will be volunteering from July to Sept to gain experience before embarking on teacher training. You will also get to see Kerry who many of you will know (Pauline's daughter) who has worked with us prior to uni and also during summer hols. Kerry is in her second year of her Early years degree.



Family Festival Fun Day

Hopefully you have all had the invites to the Family Festival Fun day, on Sunday 4th July 1-4pm if not please let us know. But you are all welcome (if you haven't replied but want to come it isn't too late.) We would love to see you. Don't forget there is the option of fancy dress:- hippy/festival/flower power scheme but anything will do, inc the children if they want to of course. Prizes on the day. The day is organised so you and your children can meet other families and for us to say thank you and to have some fun. The day is heavily supported by the parent group whom



Tatty Bumpkin Yoga

We have signed up to monthly sessions with Gio who is delivering Yoga sessions for the Butterfly's/toddlers on a Fri. It is proving to be very popular already and as time goes on and as we are able to do the moves the children will pick them up more quickly. We have a display outside the Butterfly group with more info about the sessions. We would love the sessions to be on a more regular basis and will be investigating whether you would be happy to contribute to more sessions or to start a Sat session.

Did you get your letter about being 3? It's quite important as it helps to explain how the invoice works and your free funding entitlement. If you haven't received one and your child is 3 or nearly 3 then please contact the office.

Government changes

I wouldn't normally comment on politics as it usually takes a while to see the end product, but we wanted to reassure you that the (up to) 15 hours free funding per week (over 38 weeks of the year) for 3+ years is going to stay in place as is the tax relief if you pay via vouchers (all correct at time of going to press) (I've always wanted to put that some where!)

Talk about lots of changes I had just written about the new Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) only to hear on the news a few days later that it is being scrapped! So for now I will stick to my non political articles!

Bristol Standards

We signed up to the Bristol Standards programme in Feb which is a quality improvement programme aimed at Early Years. We are on our 4th commitment out of 10 so going well. We have assessed our aims and values our physical environment and now the Play and Learning aspect.



Parent Group

We are currently looking for one or two new parents to join us as we will be losing a few established members as their children start school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karron in her role as Chair, Karron stepped in over 18mths ago.



- We are also planning a summer picnic in the park so the children and parents can get together. **Aug, date to be confirmed.**
- Free Christmas family event so you can join in with the festive events. **Sat 4th Dec at St Paul's Church Hall** More details to follow nearer the time but pencil in your calendars.

Study Days

We have been busy updating our safeguarding training and also Marisha has been on various After School Club training sessions.



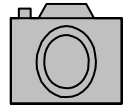
The Nursery Gardens

We are still (desperately) seeking a



vegetable patch volunteer, it could be for just an hour once a fortnight, but someone who can keep us on the right track and prompting us, please.

Photos



A quick reminder
The nursery photographer will be back on the **12th Oct** but at the usual time of 8.30-2pm, just in time for Christmas photos.

Next parent evenings are on 2nd Nov for Babies and 3rd Nov for Toddlers and Pre-school. 6.30-8.00pm.

Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers



These are so worth us doing so a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us so much. We are in the process of counting them all, so if you have any lurking anywhere its not too late, bring them in. We will let you know what we have ordered and once again put up a photo so you can actually see all your



hard work has paid off. Thank you so much once again.

Caterpillar



(under 2's) News

Welcome to all our new families who are starting within the next month, approx 10 in total. Which means that quite a few of ours move into the Butterfly group and will shortly be starting their settling in visits to ease the transition, we have got a photo booklet for you to take home and read with your child so you can talk about the changes, which we will also do here. We have also got a lot of our younger ones who have started to walk, which is a very enjoyable milestone and is great to watch the children's new found confidence as they are able to explore the rooms and surroundings. The babies have been enjoying the water and trough play which we fill with all sorts of messy things to explore. They also love the bubble machine which we brought with the vouchers from you doing the Sure Start survey so thank you. Congratulations to Shelley and Paul on the birth of Gracie. The girls have asked me to remind you to check your child's bags from time to time

for the spare clothes, do they still fit, are they seasonal etc. If you have any spares at home that no longer fit we would be very grateful as our current supplies are low. Also the staff would like to include **photos of close family and pets** into the children's learning journeys so please could you bring a few in so we can look and talk about them in nursery. It really does help to boost their self esteem and for us to know and share their connections. Even our younger ones love looking at their photos in the Learning Journey. Don't forget you can add to, or look at the Learning Journeys at any time.

Butterfly (Toddlers) News



Butterflies have had quite an active few months with some local trips out to the favoured ducks, park and train station but also a few were able to go along to the new sensory room at Redlands children's centre. It looked great fun looking at the photos. We have also started having some yoga -see article on front page and also Emma (Ellie's Mum) has been doing some regular dance and music sessions for us which is

really enjoyed by the children, a huge thank you to Emma. We would like to wish all our Butterflies good luck when they go down to Ladybirds over the next month or so, and welcome to all our new children who will be starting from Caterpillars. We are looking forward to welcoming back Rosalie who will be returning to work in the Autumn after her maternity leave. She will be coming back for 3 days and will job share with Ellie (Laura E).

Ladybird (pre-school) News



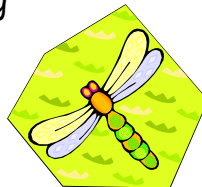
We will be booking in 10 minute slots over the next coming 2 weeks to chat to parents about the transition info that goes off to school. Don't forget we also have the photo booklet for each of the schools in the area for you to borrow to read at home with your child. These all help to settle your child and support the next step. Please see Yvonne to book one out. The travel agent corner has been extended as they have enjoyed it so much, thank you to Thomas Cook who kindly donated the huge poster cards and brochures etc. We also often use the World cup to support learning as

enables us to cover so many aspects of the curriculum and is very popular with the children, even if we don't win! Within the aspect of the curriculum under communication, language and literacy (CLL), we are working on the blending sounds for the children, we wondered if there would be much interest in a mini parents evening to offer a guide to using letters and sounds. For example did you know that occasionally it's good to read a book without pictures to your pre-schooler? I recently watched a session in pre-school where a large group sat in a circle and took it in turns to build a story their only prop being a feather and the first line. It was brilliant and such a proud moment to see such concentration, motivation and imagination, listening and co-operation between them all. Well done to all you parents and the staff - all the hard work pays off with such special moments as this. We wish all our Pre-schoolers the best of luck at their new schools and don't forget you have to pop in and say hello from time to time. Lastly congratulations to Susan and John who recently got engaged and are also expecting a baby. Susan will

be going on maternity leave during Oct, we will let you know her new stand in once we have successfully appointed.

Dragonflies After School Club News

We are now taking bookings for the Holiday Club during Summer, Please can you let us know (in writing). The holiday club is open to anyone, they don't have to be users of New Road so if you know of anyone looking for the summer please mention us. Thank you. Marisha is in the process of planning the activities for during the summer including a few trips out to add to the programme, watch this space. After School have been making the most of the weather and enjoying the outdoor facilities at New Road. Because the gardens have so much to offer from quiet corners, to dens, sand pits and the more energetic play in the playground we can meet everyone's needs in one go.



Baby News

Congratulations to Shelley (from Caterpillars) and Paul on the birth of Gracie in



April. Also Karen, David and Samuel on the birth of Emma.

What's On Locally

- >Noddy Sun 11th July
- >Guess How Much I Love You 23-25th July
- >The Wizard of OZ 26th-29th August
- >Peppa Pig's Party 2-3rd October
- >Annie 4-9th October
- >Beauty and the Beast 22nd-30th October
- >Georges Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl 2-6th November
- >Peter Pan 11th Dec -9th Jan '11

All at the Wyvern Theatre, Swindon 01793 524 481, www.wyverntheatre.org.uk

Also Bath theatre's new book is out and includes Room on a Broom as well as panto and other delights. See their website for further details. www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Babysitting news

Are you looking for a babysitter? A few of the girls are happy to be asked, these are currently Sara, Lucy, Gina, Marisha, Kayleigh and Steph.



Next newsletter due out in the autumn.