

## Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter

25th March 2022



### DATES OF NURSERY CLOSURE IN 2022

We are closed:

15th April 2022 - Good Friday

18th April 2022 - Easter Monday

2nd May 2022 - Bank holiday

2nd June 2022 - Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday

3rd June 2022 - Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday

29th August 2022 - Bank holiday

16th December 2022 - Last day of term before Christmas, we will close at 5.30pm

Nursery will re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2023

### Preschool parents

**19th April 2022 - National Offer Day**

**4th May 2022 - last date to respond to/accept offers**

On the 19th April you will receive confirmation of which primary school your child has been offered a place at - you must make sure you confirm/accept the offer to ensure they definitely have the space. Once you have done this, please let nursery know what school your child will be going to, this allows us to make contact with their new reception teacher(s) and get their files ready for a seamless transition to school.

Please also let us know if you have got any holidays planned for the summer (specifically around June/July) as we are trying to plan an end of term play and leaving ceremony.

### Staff information

Kelsey will be going on maternity leave just before Easter, we wish her all the best and hope she has a restful break before the baby arrives.

We also are looking forward to welcoming back Lizzy who went on maternity leave last year to have her little boy; Lizzy will be coming back to nursery to work in the moon room on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We have a new member of staff, Lily who has recently started working in the moon room full time; Lily has a little boy who is 15 months old and he will be attending nursery once a week as well. When she is not at nursery she enjoys going swimming and taking her son to swimming classes every week, as well as meeting friends for coffee and dinner and going on days out with her son and partner. Although Lily has never worked in a nursery before she is looking forward to this new experience as she has always wanted to work in childcare and loves being with and around children - she is looking forward to meeting lots of new parents and your children.



### Other notices

#### Sun cream

Now that the weather is getting warmer, the children are needing sun cream applied for going outside. On days where the weather is hotter the children are kept inside for the hottest part of the day

(between 11am to 3pm) but will get opportunities to go outside in the morning before 11am and again after 3pm.

Nursery will supply sun cream which the staff will apply 20 minutes before going outside; however if your child has sensitive skin, allergies or requires a special sun cream (different to a standard factor 50+ kids suncream), please bring a bottle in to be kept at nursery for the staff to apply. **Please write your child's name on the bottle.**

Sun hats are also provided by nursery, we advise against bringing one in from home due to the risk of it getting lost. If your child would like to wear one on their way to nursery, please can it be taken away with you or put in their bookbag.

### Spare clothes

Please remember to pack spare clothes in your child's bookbag, even if your child has been toilet trained for a while. Whilst children are regularly encouraged to go and are taken to the toilet, accidents can still happen and we don't have a big supply of spare clothes at nursery so it is helpful if they have some in their bag that we can put them in.

### Packed lunches

Please remember to include an ice pack in your child's lunchbox, especially with the weather getting warmer. We have also had a few yoghurts packed that are past their best before/expiry date which unfortunately we will not be able to let your child have - please check the date on any yoghurts before sending them in as we know the children enjoy their yoghurt at the end of their lunch.

## Transitions

For children who will be moving rooms after Easter, we will write in your child's diary who their new key worker will be.

## Parking

We have had a polite reminder from the secondary school to ask please can parents avoid parking on or around the roundabout when dropping off or picking up your child from nursery.

## Nursery library

Lauren W, who is in charge of running our nursery library, is currently working through the children in the moon and sun room to make sure everybody gets a turn to visit the library. The children get really excited when it is their turn to visit the library and it has been fantastic to hear the feedback from the children and parents who have already had a turn at borrowing a set of books.

We hope that your child enjoys their books but we politely ask if the folders can be returned with its full content after **one week** (for example if they take the books home on a Wednesday, please bring them back the following Wednesday or their next session in), this helps to keep the library running smoothly.

Every child will get a turn but it is currently working at 2 children per room per week to allow the children to get the pick of a full variety of books.

Inside the folder there is a notebook for parents to have a look at, it includes some questions or ideas of things you could ask your child when reading the books (e.g. prompting them to repeat parts, asking questions about what they think may come next etc). We would

really appreciate it if you could write in the book how your child has found the books, were there any they really liked or enjoyed, and if you are happy to include a photo that would also be appreciated.

Below are some examples of what some parents have sent back as feedback so far (names and photos have been crossed out for confidentiality reasons):

