

## Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter

29th April 2022



### DATES OF NURSERY CLOSURE IN 2022

We are closed:

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

**Reminder: We are closed next Monday, 2nd May, for the bank holiday. We will reopen as normal on Tuesday at 8am.**

We are pleased to share the news of the safe arrival of Emma's second child - a daughter, Phoenix, born on the 12th April. Both mum and baby are doing well.

Andrea will be on holiday from the 16th - 31st May, she will not be checking her emails in this time so if there are any requests, questions or urgent messages please ring nursery and speak to Lorraine.

**For our preschool parents:** If your child is going to school in September, their government childcare funded hours will end on the 19th August. Please can you let Andrea know by July when your child's last day will be; if you wish to keep your child's sessions at nursery past the 19th August, these will be charged to you at full price.

Thank you to all the parents who have let us know what school your child will be attending in September. The staff have now made a display in the room where the children's pictures have been put next to their school, so they can see if there are any other children from our nursery going to the school with them.

If you and your child(ren) have been or are going on holiday, are having birthday celebrations or family events, we would really appreciate if you would be able to print out and bring some photos into nursery that we could look at with the children and discuss with them; as well as maybe some family photos that we could put in their scrapbooks please.

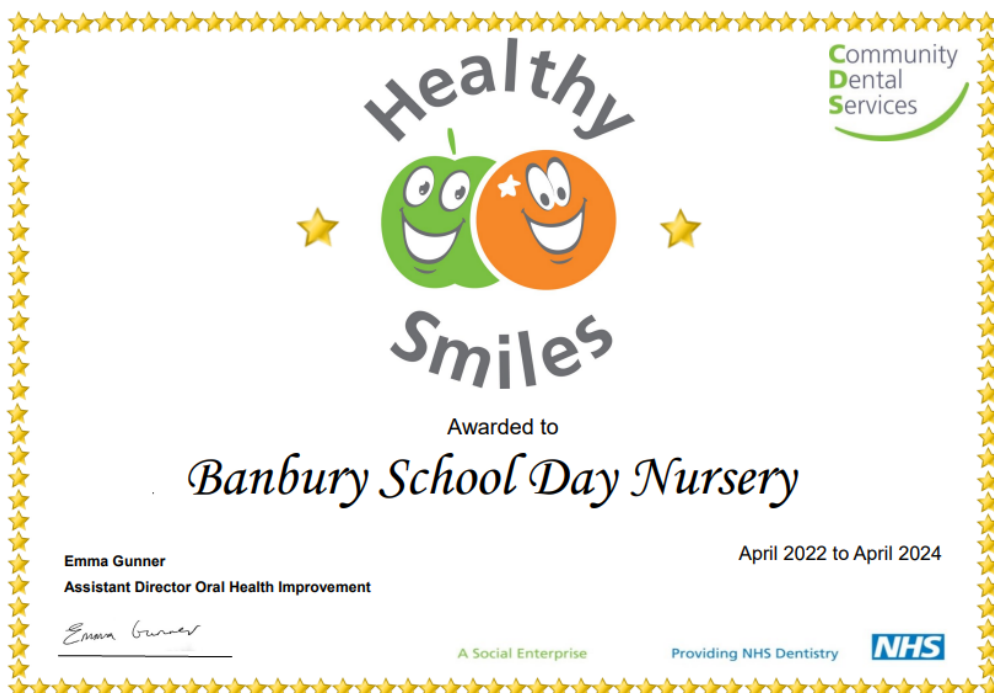
For the next two weeks the preschool's theme will be superheroes. We know that lots of our children enjoy pretending to be superheroes and roleplaying as different characters; we have lots of activities planned for them to become their own superheroes. If your child has a favourite superhero book that they would like to bring into nursery to share with their friends please feel free to bring one in over the next two weeks, but **please write your child's full name in the front of the book** so we can make sure it returns home safely.

In the moon room, they will be turning their room into a shop role play; so would like to ask if you have any spare containers (e.g. ice cream tubs, ice lolly boxes) or anything that could be used for junk modelling also, if these could be brought into nursery next week for them to use that would be greatly appreciated.

A reminder that we have got a photographer coming to the nursery on **Monday the 9th May** to take photos of the children (like the

professional ones that are done in schools). If you would like your child to wear nice clothes in their photos that you don't want them to wear during the nursery day/risk getting dirty, please send them **in a bag with their name on** and hand this to a member of staff. The teachers will get your child changed just before they go to have their photo taken and back into their 'nursery clothes' after. If your child does not attend nursery on a Monday but you would like them to have this done, please bring them into nursery **at 12:00pm**.

We are pleased to share that all of the staff at nursery have successfully completed the Healthy Smiles Training led by the Community Dental Services within Oxfordshire County Council, please see below for our certificate. This training has helped to advise our staff on what foods are suitable for the children in our care both for their general health but also their dental health, and how we can help to encourage good dental hygiene. You may remember we previously sent home toothbrushing charts of which we had many fully completed and returned in exchange for a certificate from nursery.



Packed lunches:

Please remember to provide ice packs and cutlery in your child's packed lunch (if needed - for example a pot of yoghurt or a tub of pasta), this is **except for the baby room** where spoons are provided. Also a polite reminder for packed lunches, please consider what foods may be suitable and healthy or nutritional options for nursery.

Unfortunately if cakes or chocolate bars are sent in we will not be able to let your child have it whilst at nursery. Some suggestions of what is advised for a child's packed lunch (from our healthy smiles training) include: a main (e.g. a sandwich, wrap, pitta thin, pasta), at least one helping of fruit and vegetables, savoury bites/breadsticks/crackers etc, and a yoghurt.

These are suggestions and more advice or ideas can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>