

Batford Nursery School Summer Term 2016 Bulletin....coming up this term.....



This is a busy term with lots of events planned. This is also the last term for children who will be admitted to primary school in September.

On the recent Inset day, staff were involved in training to ensure the continued professional development of our staff team.

Themes planned for this term:

- *Spring/Summer*
- *Farm Animals*
- *Mini Beasts*
- *Transitions*
- *Holidays*

Spring/Summer

The children have enjoyed going on a "spring walk" around the nursery garden. They looked at the blossom and flowers growing in the environment. Following on from this, children did some observational drawings and paintings – some of which are displayed around the nursery.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your child/ren about changes at this time of year. Encourage your child to "describe what they see".
- Use a digital device to take a photo of seasonal changes.
- Take your child/ren on a "bluebell" walk.

Farm Animals

Children have been on their school trip to Willows Farm. They enjoyed learning about the animals and how they are cared for. They had the opportunity to hold the animals. In nursery we will be talking about farm animals and their babies. We will be using all types of resources to enhance and extend the children's learning including story sacks, fiction and non-fiction books, number rhymes and small world farm animals.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your child/ren about what they have seen and heard at the farm.
- Find out about animals that live on a farm.
- Share rhymes such as Baa Baa Black Sheep, 5 Little Ducks, Old MacDonald had a Farm.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS TERM....

6th & 13th May Willows Farm Trips

The children enjoyed their trip to Willows Farm learning all about farm animals and they enjoyed a ride on a tractor!

22nd June - Sponsored Circuit
Parents will be invited to support their children taking part in a fund raising sporty event. We will also be holding a cake sale on that day.

W/c 27th June & 4th July - Consultations

You will have the opportunity to meet with your key person. A letter will follow after half term, please ensure you sign up with your key person at that time.

8th July Teddy Bears Picnic
Children will prepare the picnic for their bears. (Weather permitting)

11th July – Graduation photographs

Individual photos will be taken of the children dressed as "graduates".

20th July – Leavers Ceremony
An opportunity for children, teachers and parents to say farewell.

Farewell

After 20 years of service Joanna Cairn left our admin team this week. Zoe Price will be expanding her role as part of the admin team.

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Mini Beasts

The children really enjoy exploring the garden looking for mini beasts. After half term the caterpillar eggs will arrive. The children are fascinated by them, and look forward to seeing them change into butterflies.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Go on a mini beast hunt in the garden.
- Make a mini beast bug house.
- Listen to stories about mini beasts.
- Count the legs on spiders, ladybirds etc.
- Look at photos of mini beasts on the computer.

Transitions

After half term staff will be talking with the children about moving on to school. To support this we share local school books with the children, which we use as a talking point to support the transition. Reception teachers from some local schools will visit the children in the setting and talk to staff.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Visit your child's new school on your allocated visit day – you will be informed of this by your primary school.
- Talk to your children about their new uniform, the building, play equipment and new teachers.

Holidays

The summer holidays are fast approaching. At Batford this term we will be talking about different destinations and locating them on a globe/map. Using non-fiction books to find out about different countries and continents.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your children about holidays you have been on and what you did.
- Talk about different types of holidays e.g. camping, walking, cycling holidays.
- Do a travel journal together include "treasures" and drawings.

Parent Workshop...

Back by popular demand is our Parent Workshop – Transition to Primary School. The date is Thursday 16th June It is a great opportunity to get some hints and tips on what to expect as a parent.

We will run two sessions please book your place at Reception or e-mail reception@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations

The children really enjoyed celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. They bought in some interesting facts to share with their group and we wrote a letter to the Queen to tell her about the birthday party we had in her honor. As she was very busy that day "Queen Diane" shared in the celebrations. We hope you had an opportunity to see the display in the corridor and on the photo screen in reception.

Child Safety Week – 6th – 12th June

Please see the parent's noticeboard outside the nursery door for further details.

E-Safety Newsletter

http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news/newsletters/documents/esafety_newsletter_parent_sum16.pdf

Holiday Larks...

There are a few places left for the half term and summer Holiday Larks. Please contact the Skylarks office or email skylarks@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk to secure your place.

