



NEWSLETTER



SUMMER TERM 6 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year and for some of you, your last one at Pumpkins. This is always an exciting term but one mixed with sadness too as we prepare to say goodbye to lots of our older children as they move on to school. Our time with them is fleeting but I hope that we have made an impression in their young lives that will stand them in good stead for the future. We wish all of you the very best for this new exciting step in your lives and we know that you are more than ready for it!

Staffing Update

As you know we welcome a few new faces to our team and to help you put those faces to names I have included a photo shoot in this terms newsletter.



Keeley (Toddlers)
Level 3 Qualified



Sarah Leach (Toddlers)



Kirsty (2-3s)



Max (Pre-School)
Level 6 – Early Years

We now have our full complement of staff and are all set for the busy summer holiday period as well as for when Chloe and Valerie go on maternity leave both at the end of July.

Sadly Lizzie, who was due to return from maternity leave in August has decided not to return to work and we wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

Wishing you all a lovely summer and I hope that we can enjoy a more normal year and get back to meeting again in the not too distant future!

Best Wishes
Amanda Wallis

Luckington Pre-School Update



We have now received our Ofsted Registration and plans are well underway for the opening of our fourth nursery in Luckington in September.

We are still hoping that some more of you might like to transfer to Luckington in September as Tormarton is already totally full for the year and this leaves little flexibility for booking ad hoc additional sessions or for meeting the demand of continuing enquiries. If you live in or around Luckington, or anticipate that this is where your child may go to school and would like to find out more, please do get in touch by emailing Amanda:

enquiries@pumpkinsnursery.co.uk



Welcome to the following children who have joined us new this term or are about to as we enter our summer holiday period. We hope you will be very happy at Pumpkins!

Toddler Room: Albert Annabel Freya Leo Ottolie Royce Teddy
Pre-School: Cecily Max



Pumpkins Leavers' Performance Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Tuesday 6 July - 10am

This will be open to ALL pre-school children who would like to take part and the performance will be professionally filmed to share with parents afterwards.



Goodbye and Good Luck!

We wish a fond farewell to our leavers at the end of this term as they prepare for their exciting journey to school. We hope you have all enjoyed your time at Pumpkins and will take some happy



memories of us with you – Good luck to you all in your new schools:

Trinity Connie Joe	Leighterton Lottie
Marshfield Betty James Lily Taya Mairi Molly Hamish	By Brook – Yatton Keynell Nell
Colerne Evie	Old Sodbury Layla Florence
Hawkesbury Alice Josie	Raysfield – Yate Dylan
Horton Charlie	St Johns Mead Theo
St Mary's – Yate William	Pucklechurch Eva
Langley Fitzurse- Kington Langley Elliot	

Mini Sports Day for 2-3s Unit

Wednesday 14 July

9.30am

(for children only)



Pre School Unit:

Sports Day and Picnic in the Park



Tuesday 20 July
11am - 1pm

(for children only)



If your child does not normally attend nursery on a Wednesday, you can book them in for the celebrations from 11am at a cost of £10 – Please book through Laura

TERMLY OVERVIEW

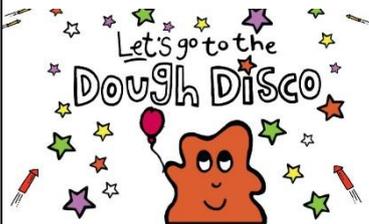
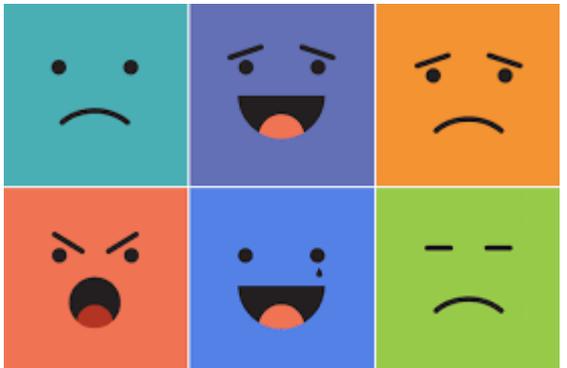
PRE-SCHOOL

This term we are going to have a focus on our emotions alongside this we will be looking at school readiness with our school leavers.

Children are learning about their emotions all the time. During this term we want to identify and recognise these emotions and feelings and give words to describe them. Teaching them how to express their feelings and how to respond to emotions of their friends. We will look at managing strong emotions and working on some problem-solving skills to help us.

During children's play we will be able to explore feelings, being able to manage these emotions helping the childrens' self-regulation behaviour and relationships.

We will be using small group time and our emotions corner to talk through scenarios and what makes us happy, sad, worried, cross and scared, and what we can do to make ourselves feel better. Will be using a selection of resources such as emotions dominoes, mirror play, role play, stories and puppets to help us. We will also continue with our mindfulness and yoga exercises to have quiet calm time.



We will have lots of sensory messy play activities such as dough disco and write dance, and use physical play to explore big emotions.

Please remember to apply sun cream before nursery when the British sun makes an appearance and to have appropriate clothes for forest school (long trousers and long sleeves) Thank you.

Home links;

- When reading stories have a focus on how the characters are feeling and why they might be feeling this way. Discuss how they could feel better.

Sarah and the Pre School Team

2-3s

This term in our 2-3s unit we are focusing on nursery rhymes.

Some of the nursery rhymes we have chosen to focus on are; Incy Wincy Spider, Humpty Dumpty, Happy/sad face, Little Yellow Car, Old MacDonald, Rain Rain Go Away and Twinkle Twinkle.

Singing is important part of learning for children as it supports their communication and language through listening and attention and speaking. Singing is also a fun way of learning, and gives children opportunities and time to ask different questions or to be creative and make up their own songs.

We have been able to link all of these songs to areas of learning for example Incy Wincy Spider, we have linked to mini beasts which is about understanding the world around us and showing care and concern for living things. We will be doing activities such as creating our own mini beasts using playdough and textures and going on bug hunts.

For Little Yellow Car we have linked it to transport which supports children's communication and language and physical development. Some activities we will be doing for this is talking about road safety when on our daily walks and using our toys cars to see what marks we can make in shaving foam.

Activities for Home:

- We have created a song book that will be on tapestry of regular songs we sing. Our children love singing, continue singing songs as it supports children in their communication and language.

Remember:

- Please bring a sunhat that we could keep at nursery for hot weather.
- Putting sun cream on before coming into nursery.
- Spare change of clothes (we like messy play in 2-3's) ☺

Sarah and the 2-3s Team



Toddlers



Toddlers are looking forward to following the topic of growth this term.

Having two of our members of staff expecting babies in the near future and so much growth around us in our outdoor environment, we are excited to explore this further.



We will be introducing butterflies into the room for the children to watch grow and develop alongside of following the hungry caterpillar book.

We will look at the books "There's a house inside my mummy" and "The world is full of babies" alongside lots of baby play, washing, dressing and caring

We will also look at the growth of plants and explore planting, smell, texture and use them to mark make

Whilst focusing on these sub topics we will combine the maths, comparing size, shape and quantity. Literacy with song, story and rhyme.

There will be plenty of dancing and art work too!

Please feel free to bring in any small baby photos you have of yourselves with your children. We will display these in the room. The children love to look at these and they really help bring on their communication skills. (they can be returned at the end of term)

Could we please ask that all children have sun cream applied before coming into nursery now that the sun seems to be making a regular appearance.

Vickie and the Toddler Room Team

Dates for your Diary



SUMMER TERM 6 2021
Monday 7 June – Wednesday 21 July

AUTUMN TERM 1 2021
Thursday 2 September – Friday 22 October 2021