



# Newsletter



**3-5s Nursery April/May 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the final term of the year. Hopefully the sun will start to shine and we can really call it the 'summer term'! As always, there is lots happening in the term ahead ranging from our Sponsored Events, Child Safety Week, Mums and Dads Weeks as well as our Family Fun Day at the end of term!

If your child is due to leave us and start school in September, you should have found out by now about your child's school placement. Please visit the Surrey County Council website if you have any questions or queries about this process and what to do when you have received your notification. We will offer support to parents and can often signpost you in the right direction if you have not got your preferred school, however, we cannot make appeals on parents behalf. Please do let us know which school you have accepted for your child as this will help us to make our transition arrangements.

If your child is going to be with us for another year, look out for letters and information about start dates in September.

## **Parking**

Hopefully now with some nicer weather coming our way (fingers crossed!), you might take this opportunity to leave your car at home and encourage your child to walk, scoot or ride to nursery. As always, parking continues to be an issue and I spend too much of my time being a traffic warden.

## **Job Vacancies**

We still have an advert out for a Bursar for our Nursery and Children's Centre. For more details visit the vacancies page of our website, alternatively you can visit the eTeach.com website to find out more.

## **Extended sessions and lunchclub**

For those of you whose children are starting school in September, you might like to consider getting them to attend for a lunchclub or extended day. This will enable them to know what staying longer for lunch or all day feels like so that 5 long days in September is not such a shock! Please speak to Joanna if you are interested!

## **Be prepared for summer**

With the warmer weather hopefully getting closer, it is really important your child is protected. Please apply suncream before they attend nursery. It is not necessary to bring this in, unless your child attends full time or does an extended day. If this is the cases, please provide a named suncream so we can reapply this at lunchtime. . However, we do ask, if your child prefers to wear their own hat, that you bring this in, and it is named. We do have spares if you forget.



## Voice of the child

The children in nursery are full of imagination. One girl was using a toy phone and carrying it everywhere with her (wonder where she gets that from). A member of staff asked her to put it down while they did a job, to which the little girl replied 'but someone might ring me!' As soon as her job was done, she could hear the phone 'ringing; and rushed off saying 'phone now, its ringing for me!'

## How to help at home

Has your child seen the Dorking cockerel on the roundabout? Try to walk past it when you're next out and ask your child what they can see. Have they noticed what's different? See if they can guess why it's wearing a crown. We have been talking about the Queen at group times and we all sang "Happy Birthday" to her. Perhaps they can remember how old she is. Have a conversation about the ages of different family members and friends. Talk about who is older than them or younger; who is the youngest member of your family?

It's interesting to find some coins and talk about them together. Who is the lady on the coins? Sometimes if you find an older coin it shows the Queen looking younger. What are the coins made from? Use the words for the different metals; silver and copper. Look at the shapes of the coins; are they round or have they got edges? Are they large or small? Try sorting them out in different ways. Have they got numbers on? Let your child buy a small item next time you visit a shop and encourage them to buy it with some coins. How much was it? Did you have any change? Please remember to write about these experiences on a Home learning sheet and bring it in to share at Group time.

Don't forget to look at the notice board in the library to see what we are learning in nursery each week and how you can help at home. Last week we were spotting wildlife at home and in the nursery garden. Cara's grandad spotted some wonderful wildlife in his garden! Just look at the beautiful foxes kissing. Cara brought this photograph in to share at group time with her friends. Next stop, Countryfile!



## In the press!

**The Dorking Advertiser**—Look out for us in the Local Paper. There should be an article about the donation we received from Salfords based company, Prater in the Dorking Advertiser this week or next! The children posed with our giant cheque! This donation will help us buy new resources for our soft play room which all the children will benefit from.

## Compass Construction

We are very excited to announce our new sponsor!

Compass Construction donate a percentage of their profits each year

for charity. They have selected us as one of them! For more information, please visit their website <http://www.compass-construction.co.uk/charity>

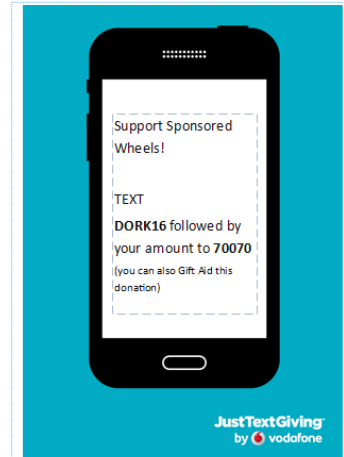


If you would like to help us with our Fundraising, there is a FOND Meeting on Tuesday 26th April, 10am, at our Goodwyns Road site. Hope to see you there! Look out for more information coming soon about a Cake Sale in May!

## Sponsored Week

Each year we hold a sponsored event for your children to take part in. In the past, this has been the largest fundraiser each year for the nursery and provides lots of resources that your children are playing with each day. During the week of the 16th May, your children will all participate in Sponsored Wheels, where they will do laps of the 3-5s garden, ensuring they get their record card stamped after each lap...we don't want anyone to cheat! They will receive a certificate. A sponsor form and more information will be coming home soon. Alternatively, you can sponsor us by texting DORK16 followed by your amount to 70070. All your donations can be Gift Aided.

Last year, across the two nurseries, we raised £1,207! It would be great if we could beat this target. Please share the code with family and friends!



## Mums and Grandmas Week / Dads and Grandads Week...part 2!

Following the success of Dads and Grandads Week in January, we will hold a Mum's and Grandmother's Week, starting 23rd May. More information will be coming out along with details of how you can sign up! I hope you can spare an hour or two. The second opportunity for Dads and Grandads will be the week beginning 13th June.



### Family Voice Surrey

We have recently started working with Family Voice Surrey. They are an organisation who supports families with children with additional needs and can support parents through being a forum to share knowledge, as well as be able to signpost families to services they need. If you would like to find out more, visit <http://www.familyvoicesurrey.org/>.

**Channel 5**—Did you see the 5pm Channel 5 news on Tuesday 5th April? If so, you will have seen our Children's Centre at Goodwyns Road featuring in an article about parental leave. Don't worry if you missed it, it is on You Tube—the link can be found on the home page on our website.



## Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th April—FOND Meeting, Goodwyns Road site, 10am

Wednesday 27th April—Speech Session 10am—11am

Wednesday 11th May—Conversation Café—9.30am—10.30am

Monday 16th May—SPONSORED WEEK! More details to follow

Monday 23rd May—Mums and Grandmas Week

Wednesday 25th May—Speech Session 10am—11am

Friday 27th May end of term—Nursery closed week beginning 30th May

Monday 6th June—INSET Day—Nursery closed

Tuesday 7th June—Child Safety Week

Monday 13th June—Dads and Grandpas week—Take 2

Friday 17th June—Tempest photos

Wednesday 22nd June—Speech Session 10am—11am

Thursday 23rd June—Getting Ready for School Evening, 7pm (for families with children starting school September 2016)

Friday 1st July—INSET Day—Nursery closed

Wednesday 13th July—Conversation Café—9.30am—10.30am

Friday 22nd July—last day of term—Family PICNIC Day

Best Wishes

Donna Harwood-Duffy