



# Newsletter



## 3-5s Nursery May 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is upon us and the weeks are flying by! Since we have been back, the children have been extremely busy; with Forest School, Obstacle Challenges and Dinosaur Adventures galore!

You will also be thinking about what happens next with your child and their move to school in September. Don't worry; we will be working closely with you and your child's feeder school to make this transition as smooth as possible.



### Sponsored Challenge

The children did an amazing job in their Sponsored Challenge last week...going over, under, around, through and along a variety of obstacles. Thank you to those of



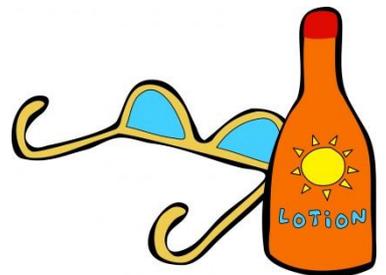
you who have returned your sponsor forms and

money. It is not too late if you have not done this already, you can still send in forms and money, alternatively you can sponsor your child by using our Just Giving Charity account, by texting SPON17 and your amount to 70070.

### Reminders

Please can I ask all parents and carers to make sure the door to the main entrance of 3-5s is closed when you enter and exit, please be aware of 'little' fingers as you do it.

With the warmer weather coming, it is vital your children come prepared for the weather. We do provide hats for the children, but if they want to bring their own, please make sure it is named and on their pegs. Shoes and clothes need to be sensible; please no open toed sandals or crocs as your children will be climbing. Floaty pretty summer dresses and strappy tops are not the best when the children are in the garden for long periods of time. Shorts, leggings, T-shirts and trainers are advisable. We also would rather the children do not wear sunglasses in the garden, as these can be a hazard when they are climbing or if they fall. 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 case, please provide a named suncream so we can reapply this at lunchtime.



There are also a few parents who are sneaking into the car park to drop off or pick up children. Please note, the car park is for those with permits only. We cannot accommodate cars waiting while one family member drops off a child.

Are your children safe on line? BBC in conjunction with Cbeebies have produced a range of materials to support your children when using the internet on tablets and computers. Please take a few minutes to read through their tips and visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/article-internet-use-and-safety>

- Always sit with young children when they use the Internet.
- There are plenty of safe places for children to play and learn on the web (like the [CBeebies website!](#)) Get to know them and save them as shortcuts in your favourites folder.
- You can adjust browser settings and filters to protect children from unsuitable sites. Internet safety organisation [Internet Matters](#) has an interactive guide to setting parental controls across your whole house.
- If you have older children who want to explore on their own, it is a good idea to keep the computer in a family room or a place you share.
- Talk to your child about how to stay safe and let them know they can come to you if they find themselves in any sort of trouble. [Thinkuknow](#) has some useful advice on this.
- Remember - your actions and what you share online also play a big part in your child's online safety. Recent evidence reveals 'the average parent will share their child's image online nearly 1000 times before their fifth birthday (The Parent Zone, 2015). Are you a 'sharent'? Before you share again, take a read of this [Think u Know article.](#)



Have you paid your cooking money for the summer term? We ask for a £2.00 donation per family towards the costs of resources and ingredients for cooking and the many activities in the malleable area.



### Tempest Photographs

On Friday 16th June, Tempest will be in the nursery taking individual photographs of the children. These are a great souvenir for parents to buy before they leave us. If you would like your child to also have their photograph taken with their sibling, you must be available at the start of the morning or afternoon session, at 8.45am or 12.30pm. These must be booked in advance with Sarah in the office. Please note, this is not a full family photo shoot! There will be one or two photos taken with siblings prior to the rest of the children having their individual ones.

### Voice of the child

The children have been experimenting using colanders and other kitchen resources in the water and sand trays. One child was fascinated by this and said, 'look...its missing' when he looked back in his colander to find the water was not there!

This week, Mia-Louise and Yago were discussing the mandarin jelly served for pudding. Yago found a mandarin pip in his jelly and asked Anne whether if he planted it he would get an orange tree! Mia-Louise replied, 'well it might be an orange tree, but it could be a jelly tree'!!





### Transition

Your children are sadly leaving us this summer to start at Big School; there will be a variety of activities in nursery to support them. We usually begin this in July. We will be inviting all reception teachers to visit us in the nursery to learn more about your child, as well as having transition books available for your children to

look through. The key is not to panic your child too much!

There will also be a meeting for you on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm–8.30pm called 'Getting ready for school'. Please join us for a child-free evening and glass of wine and we will talk to you about all the things you can do to support your child with this important transition and how you can prepare them best. (This meeting is for children going to mainstream settings, our children going to special schools will have their individual Review Meetings instead). We also invite reception teachers from local schools to join us if they can.

Please look out for the 'Guide to Healthy School Meals' pack which your child will be receiving next week with information about school lunches at Primary School.

### Family Fun Picnic

Our end of term celebration takes place on the last day of term, Friday 21st July. On this day, all children attend in the morning only with their parents. The session is from 10am–11.30am only and all parents/carers attend with their child for the duration of the morning. There will be lots of fun activities to enjoy before sharing a picnic together. Younger siblings are welcome, but we cannot accommodate older ones. Another letter will be coming out shortly about this with more details.



### Can you help Gill?

Gill who works with our SEN children is taking part in the 'Pretty Muddy Run' in Guildford to raise money for Cancer Research on the 29<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to sponsor her, please visit her fundraising page... <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/gills-fundraising-page-183>

### Looking for half term fun?

Don't forget our Children's Centre at Goodwyns Road will be open for Stay and Play sessions throughout the half term week. Please check the website for dates of sessions.

If you are looking for something to do on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June between 10am and 12 noon then why not pop along to the United Reform Church. FOND and some wonderful parent volunteers have organised an activity morning consisting of crafts, toys and games. This will be to raise money for FOND. There will be a raffle too, so please take along any donations you have.

### Diary Dates

Please make a note of the following dates for your information:-

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June INSET Day - Nursery closed

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June INSET Day - Nursery closed

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm - Getting ready for school evening

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July -**

**Last day of term - no normal nursery session - save the date -**

**Family Picnic 10.00am - 11.30am - more details to follow.**



Don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook for regular updates and information

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