



LOVELY LEARNING

The children have been busy at the allotment recently, planting seeds and vegetable plants in the raised beds. They've also been chitting some seed potatoes, ready to go in the potato bags. There has also been lots of interest in bees, which has led to lots of discussion and research with children - to find out more.

We also had a little visitor to the allotment - see photo above (baa baa)

Blue group came across a small creature, lying very still, possibly dead, but unsure what it was. Further research was needed and using non-fiction books, they identified it as a baby field mouse.

Children at the cottage are enjoying making bread, and cooking over fire. They found and added wild garlic to the dough and toasted it on the open fire! They are also using butterfly nets to sweep through the long grass to look for wildlife.

A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO

All our lovely parents and families who are understanding and so supportive of our work outdoors in nature with their children during all seasons and weathers. We know that some of the best learning happens outdoors, where we see your children developing not only physical skills and resilience, but also social and emotional strength too.

We couldn't possibly do this without the commitment from all our families to:

- dress their children appropriately for the allotment & cottage
- manage the never-ending muddy clothes and boots
- stay positive (even in rubbish weather) knowing that the children will have a great time!

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to you all again, for donating some amazing gifts for the Easter Raffle - we were overwhelmed with the response in such a short time AND you helped to raise £170 which will go into the school fund and be spent on new resources for the children.



This term, our big fundraiser is THE SUMMER FAYRE, (Saturday 1 July) which is a great opportunity to raise significant funding for the school. It is also a very popular and well attended event in the community.

However, it's only made possible with the involvement and support from our parents and families and so we will put out a poll on whats app to ask who is willing to help us plan and make it the best one yet!



DANDELIONS

Some of the children in school have been curious about dandelions and how they transform from the yellow flower to the white, feathery clock - that then scatters seed at the end of the plant cycle. So clever!

NEW STARTERS

We have welcomed our new children into nursery last week. They are in Sophie's pink group and are settling in well.



PRIMARY SCHOOL

We will be asking which Primary School your child is going to in September? If anyone has not yet applied for a school place, you must contact school admissions to organise this on 03000 265 777 Otherwise your child may have nowhere to go in September.



All staff write what we call CHECKPOINTS on each child at various points in the year - usually on entry to nursery, mid-year and on exit. These checkpoints capture information and progress in the 7 areas of learning for each child. If your key person has not already shared these with you, please feel free to ask them about it, so that you might have a read and a chat about your child's next steps in learning.

We also hope that all families are happy about FAMILY FRIDAYS and are hoping to come in on the dates we have given you. Of course, parents are more than welcome to come into school at any time to find out more about the learning that takes place.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

PHOTOGRAPHER DAY: Thursday 15 June

The photographer will be in school to take individual photos of the children. We will assume all families want their child's photograph taken, UNLESS you tell us otherwise.

It is possible to bring siblings in and have a family photograph taken, but we need to know beforehand if you are coming to do this.

We will also take a photo of each family group with their key person, but obviously, there's no obligation to buy these.

SPORTS DAY: Friday 14 July

Our Sports Day is for all the children leaving us this summer to go to Primary School. It will take place at the bowling green in the park - beside the cottage and will include a family picnic. More details will follow, nearer the time.

DAD'S DAY: Friday 16 June

Just as we invited the ladies in for Mother's Day in March, we will be inviting the men in for Father's Day.

Please can you try to identify a man in your child's life to join them for an hour to do something special together. It can be dad, grandad, or uncle - as long as everyone has someone on the day. These will take place across all 3 sites.

CELEBRATION DAY: Friday 21 July

The children leaving us this summer will perform a leaver's concert for parents on the last day of term. This will be held in school and we hope to have room for 2 adults per family, but will confirm that nearer to the time. We don't call this a graduation - it is simply a celebration.

Reminders!

PLEASE CAN EVERYONE:

- settle their parent pay accounts fully by the end of May, so that June and July's payments are financially manageable
- make a point of checking the lost property wardrobe every week - as items are already accumulating
- remember to ring/text us if their child is absent from school for whatever reason. School admin will no longer ring or text you. Parents informing us of their child's whereabouts is part of our safeguarding policy and if we are not aware of their absence, it potentially could be classed as a safeguarding issue
- NOT park in the very small car park at the end of the building (near the Family Centre) or down the narrow road on Partridge Terrace

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Some children in school have been involved in a project exploring how so many of the beautiful animals around the world are becoming endangered and sadly extinct.

This came from an interest a few children had in non-fiction books in our school library and under the sensitive guidance of Ange, has grown into a project of discovery about the world we live in.

Over the coming term, the children will be busy planting seeds, growing veg. observing tadpoles and froglets in their natural habitats, watching caterpillars grow, pupate and emerge as beautiful butterflies and so much more.

This is the term that we really see the children flourish and fly in terms of their learning and independence.

It is so exciting to see how the term unfolds and where their interests take us.

THANK YOU