

Term 5 Newsletter April 2019

We hope you had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the fabulous weather.

Weather

If we are lucky enough to experience some more of the lovely sunny weather, can we please remind you of our sun care policy. Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before they come to nursery and if they attend all day, we will apply more of the nursery sun cream (Nivea factor 50) at lunch time. Please do not keep sun cream in your child's bag. If your child needs a specific sun cream please make sure it is labelled and hand it to a member of staff. In hot weather, staff will encourage children to drink water frequently and ensure that shady areas out of the sun are always available to children when playing outside. Children are encouraged to wear a sun hat and parents are advised to send their children in tops which protect their shoulders. Sensible closed toes shoes are encouraged - Crocs and flip flops are not suitable for nursery.

People who help us

This term we will be exploring different occupations. We would love to hear from you if you have a job that you think the children would be interested in. In the past we have had nurses, an ambulance, fire fighter and fire engines, a vet, a farmer with a digger and a dentist to name but a few. If you can help, please see a member of staff.

Concept Photography -

Will be visiting on Tuesday 7th May. If your child normally attends this session their photo will be taken automatically. However, if you wish your child's photo to be taken and this is not their usual session please feel free to put your name down on an appointment list nearer the time. Siblings welcome too.

Parents evening

The final parents evening of the year will be held on Tuesday 18th June 5:30pm – 8:30pm. A key person's appointments list will be put up in the foyer closer to the time and for those children going to school, there will be a leaver's report for you to co-complete and sign with your child's key person. This will be forwarded on to the reception teachers of your chosen school.

Leavers trip

Nursery will be **closed** on Friday 5th July to those families whose children are not leaving us to go to school this year. We will be inviting the leavers on a trip to Slimbridge Wild Fowl Trust. A separate letter will be coming home to those children concerned. You have not been charged for this day.

School preparation

In term 6 we will be carrying out some activities with school readiness in mind. Once the school allocations have been agreed we will be organising activities to build friendship groups so that the children will get to know the peers they will be going to school with. We would also like the children to get used to undressing, keeping their clothes neatly in a pile and redressing for Physical Education sessions at school. Therefore, we are asking you to supply a simple named PE kit in a named bag. This should compile of a t shirt (ideally with buttons for practise) a pair of shorts and some trainers. Please do not go and spend lots of money! This make-shift PE kit can be put together with items already at home. You will be able to leave the PE kits here but please only bring it in when it is your child's turn.

If your child's first name begins with.....

A – H please bring in a PE kit for activities, weeks beginning 10th June & 17th June

J – Z please bring in a PE kit for activities, weeks beginning 24th June & 1st July

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Also, in preparation for school, we will be changing the drop off and pick up routine slightly in the final mini term after the May half term break. We are asking that, from the playground under the shelter, you send your child in to nursery up the slope independently, where there will be an adult in the foyer to help them complete the morning arrival routine. At the end of the session when a member of staff sees your arrival in the playground for collection, we ask that you wait until your child is brought to you to sign them out. We believe that this way it is not so much of a shock when they have to complete the independent morning routine when they go to school.

Tempest Photography

We will be trialling a new photographic company on Friday 21st June. Please show your support and make an appointment in the same way as Concept and if your child normally attends on a Friday their photograph will be taken automatically.

Paying on-line

For those of you wanting to pay your bill on line, the bank details are as follows.

Sort code 52-21-32

Account number 25081306

Ballet

At the end of term (July) we will be saying a sad goodbye to Miss Rachel who comes in on a Wednesday morning for a half an hour ballet/music and movement session. Miss Rachel has seen many children over the years so if you know someone who used to do a Wednesday morning session please pass on the news. Miss Rachel has been with us for around fifteen years and we will be sad to see her go.

However if you are interested in your child continuing, or taking up a ballet class, Stapleton School of Dancing (based in the Ridgewood Centre) has baby and pre-school ballet classes on offer on a Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. For further details you can contact Miss Amy on 07500473770 or visit the web site at www.stapletonschoolofdancing.co.uk
There is also a Facebook page – search Stapleton School of Dancing.

Dates for your diary

Term 5 – Tuesday 23rd April to Tuesday 23rd July (Half term 27th May – 31st May inclusive)

Bank holiday - Monday 6th May

Concept photography - Tuesday 7th May

Tempest Photography Friday 21st June

PE weeks – w/c 10th & 17th June (A-H). W/c 24th June & 1st July (J-Z)

Parents evening – Tuesday 18th June

Leaver's trip – Friday 5th July

(N.B. nursery closed for all other children not going to school this year)

End of term – Tuesday 23rd July

Re-open - Monday 2nd September 2019

As always, if you have any queries please speak to a member of staff.

The Sodbury Vale Team.