May 2025 Newsletter



Yes- it’s May already!

So since coming back after the Easter holidays we have welcomed Florence and Edward to our preschool- joining our younger cohort of children. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

May learning topics

Besides everything else we do- this month we are looking at…

Continuing with Planting & Growing- by the end of next week each child will hopefully have brought home a potted sunflower seed and also a decorated terracotta plat pot full of plants!

People Who Help Us

We have lots of great things lined up including a visit from a road crossing patrol person, a community police officer, a midwife, a dentist and a postman so far! If anyone has a “People Who help Us “role and would be happy to give us 30 mins of your time to come in and talk to the children about your role- that would be great!

Thursday 8th May- VE celebrations!

Come dressed in red/white and or blue and we will enjoy a victory tea party style snack!

Lunchtime spoons!

I appreciate many of you supply a spoon at lunch time for various food items and some children ask for one of our spoons

To avoid confusion and spoons from home ending up in with our spoons and therefore going missing from your cutlery drawer- it might be a good idea if spoons aren’t brought in and we supply them all.

Pre School Mobile 07435203163

As we will be spending quite some time outside this summer- we obviously won’t hear the landline phone should you try getting through on that number.

We will take outside with us the mobile phone and you can contact us on that.

Holidays

If I have not already been notified of any dates when your child will be absent due to going on holiday (when it’s not pre-school holiday)- it would be great if you would let me know and then I can arrange to come with you!

Snack supplies

Thank you for the snack donations so far! Don’t feel guilty if you have not brought anything in yet-we need donations spreading out anyway and we only expect a donation once a month please.

Sponsored bounce!

The first week back after half term we are planning a “Sports” week. On the **Thursday 4th June** we are having a sponsored bounce with the aid of a trampoline! Children love jumping and we thought this would be a great way to raise a few pennies towards the lovely activities and experiences we have planned this summer.

So- our main “bounce” day will be the Thursday, but if your child is not present on that day and would like to participate- we can count their jumps on a day they are in! Each child will “jump” in turn- cheered on by the rest of us. How many jumps in a minute do you think your child can do? Sponsor so much a jump or a fixed amount irrespective of how many times they jump!

I have attached a sponsor form if you would like your child to participate. I have some already printed if easier so pick up one when dropping off or picking up.

Thank you!

Nell Bank Trip Thursday 19th June 10.00am-2,30pm

We have booked a trip to this great outdoor educational centre in Ilkley- a trip we have really enjoyed for many years now. This year we will be “Going on a Bear Hunt”

We are not asking for parents to come along this time like we did for Hesketh- it will be just us and the staff at Nell Bank. We will be taking a coach there and back.

Any children who would normally be in Pre School that day can just attend their normal times. For any other children who would like to come along- please can they be dropped off here by 9.30 as the coach will be leaving at 10.00. Please then collect your child from Pre School at 3pm (the coach will leave Ilkley at around 2.30).

The cost of the trip would normally work out at £25 which includes Nell Bank and the coach, But- we will be just requesting a **voluntary payment of £15 please**. Once I know of attendees I will send out an invoice for a voluntary payment.

I will send out more information nearer the time but for now I just need to know who will be joining us. **I will assume unless notified- all those children who will normally be with us on a Thursday will be attending- so it is really the other children we need to know about. Please let me know asap and by Friday 23rd May whether or not your child will be attending- many thanks**

Date for your diary- Saturday 12th July- Gala Day!

Preschool will be participating in the parade- more details to follow

Last day of term Friday 18th July

Just so we can give you as much notice as possible…. we will be holding a party for the children leaving us for school on the afternoon of this last day. This will be 12.00-2.00.

If your child is normally in on a Friday but is not leaving us for school, we ask they are picked up at 11.45 please.

There will be no Friday afternoon session

If your child is normally in on a Friday morning and is a school leaver -their start times are as normal but we will finish at 2pm and we ask that pick up is then too please.

Any child who is a school leaver and doesn’t normally attend on a Friday- they are very much welcome and we ask they are dropped at 11.50 ready for the lunch at 12.

Lunch will be followed by entertainment from Tots to Teens Disco! All free of charge to you! We will finish for the summer holidays then at 2pm so pick up at 2pm please for everyone at the party.

Places and sessions from September

We have places available in September for any day if anyone knows of friends/family who would be interested- tell them to get in touch!

For those of you who will be returning in September- if you know at this stage what hours you would like- please let me know. Any days/hours will be available. If you need to change days/hours etc after telling me- it’s not a problem- it just gives me an idea at this stage.

The funding available for working parents is expanding in September from 15 - 30hrs for all children. I will be sending out more information about funding options and catching up with you all individually.

Think that’s it for now- have a lovely long weekend!