



This is the link to our **Nursery SWAY** sharing photographs of what is happening in Nursery.



Nursery Newsletter

April 2024



Welcome back to everyone we hope that you all had a lovely Easter Break.

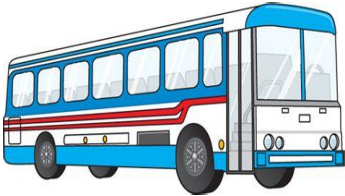
We would also like to welcome two new children to our Nursery family, this brings the total of children in nursery to forty-five.



This is a very busy term, so I would like to share with you as many dates as I can, early on, so that if needed you can possibly secure the time off that you need for Sports Day, Graduation and Nursery Trip.

The first date I will share with you will be the bank holiday "May Day" on Monday, 6th May, 2024.

Weather dependent the date for this shall be **Friday 10th May at 1.30 pm**. In the event of bad weather, we have a back-up date and this shall be **Wednesday 15th May** (same time). If the children could wear appropriate clothing and footwear for running on this day, bring along a water bottle, we would be extremely grateful. Spectators are invited to come along to this event. We shall be holding this in the school playground. All nursery children can attend this event.



Our Nursery trip shall be taking place on **Friday 24th May**, from **9.30 to 2.30 pm**. This event is for all nursery children, whether they normally attend on a Friday or not. We have a bus booked and we shall be going to Mabie Forest. We shall be requiring parental helpers for this day, the more the merrier. I shall be sending out an email soon with all the relevant details.

Stay and Play Workshop this event shall be based around Numeracy in the Nursery and will be held on **Monday 3rd June** from **1.45 to 2.45 pm**. We very much look forward to you joining us once again to share in your child's play and learning.



Graduation Ceremony this shall be held on Wednesday 26th June in the school hall from 4 – 5 pm. This event is for parents/carers who have children leaving nursery to go to school in August. Please can I ask that all children be brought to nursery for 3.45 pm so that we can get the children ready for the event. You shall then be able to take your seats in the school hall. There will be no entry before this time so that other children in the school can leave the building.

We are allocating 4 tickets per family, please let me know how many you require as soon as possible. This event will consist of a small performance, graduation ceremony and some light refreshments. Parents will be wishing to take photographs of this event, if you do not wish your child's photograph to be taken, please let me know a.s.a.p. Please remember to ask others permission before taking their child's photo and please do not put these on social media without others consent.

Fun Morning ... Friday 28th June, we shall be holding a themed celebration ... the theme shall be chosen by the children, so we will keep you posted as to what they decide. We shall be having the “party” from **9.30 to 11.30**, all the nursery children are invited to attend at this time if you do not normally attend on this day. The rest of the day will be a normal session for the children who normally attend on a Friday.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE SHALL BE HAVING THE PARTY ON THE FRIDAY.
THE LAST DAY OF TERM IS MONDAY, 1ST JULY, 2024.**

Parental Feedback about SWAY - March 2024

- ❖ *“It was nice to see photos of what my son has been up to and it created a talking point as he was excited to see them as well and tell me what he had been up to”*
- ❖ *“Been so good being able to see what activities the have been doing. Really missed Dojo, but SWAY has been a good replacement”*
- ❖ *“It is lovely to see photos again, really enjoyed seeing what they get up too”*
- ❖ *“Really like seeing what has been up to whilst at Nursery”*
- ❖ *“Great to have more updates on what they have been doing in nursery, nice to have pictures”*
- ❖ *“Lovely to see what and kids have been doing, also nice to have updates again”*
- ❖ *“Been lovely seeing pictures again. I like seeing what they have been doing and learning”*
- ❖ *“Very pleased something else is now in place, so lovely to see pictures, videos of what they are up to again”*
- ❖ *“It’s great , love to see what they have been doing and getting up to”*

Is there anything else you would like to see from SWAY?

- ❖ Daily / weekly updates
- ❖ Weekly Updates
- ❖ No x 6

Staffing information ... we shall be welcoming back Miss Ritchie after her secondment to Noblehill, she will be back with us in May. You may also have noticed a few new faces around the Nursery. Mrs Kulbiene is going to be off for an extended period and we are also recruiting for additional support need staff, this means that we are continually looking for supply cover. We are trying our best to ensure continuity for the children, however this is not always possible. If anyone has any concerns, please speak to Mrs. Douglas.

Girfec Questionnaires ... Shortly I shall be sending you all an email with the link to the questionnaires for parents and children to complete. This is our yearly questionnaire to ascertain how we are doing in Nursery and what we could be doing better. Please take the time to fill them in, it is really important for us to evaluate our practice. These questionnaires are anonymous so you can feel comfortable expressing your views.



Transitions ... We shall be having a variety of transition activities this term, not only for those children moving on to school, but to other nurseries and for children who are starting at nursery this August. If you see any new faces please say hello and make them feel welcome.

What is happening in Nursery ... we have been updating our ICT resources, we have purchased cameras, iPads and programmable toys for the children. We have introduced a cd player into the story area and displayed QR codes for the children to access songs and stories within the room to enhance their literacy skills. We shall be adding a woodwork area to the setting, staff members have been on appropriate training and we shall be risk assessing and implementing it this term. You will also notice as this term goes along one or two new additions to the garden area.