

# Parent Newsletter

## Summer Term 2018



We have had a busy start to the Summer Term- we would like to welcome all our new families and hope you are settling in well.

### Summer Term Dates for your Diary.....

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	All Rooms	Bank Holiday	Nursery Closed
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	All Rooms	Space Day	A chance to look into all things 'Space'
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	All Rooms (children who attend this day only)	Kings and Queens	To celebrate the Royal Wedding, children in this day are invited to dress up as Kings/Queens/Princes / Princess' and <b>Donate £1 to local charity Crackerjacks.</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Pippins Pears (children who attend this day only)	Visit to the Boynes	The Boynes Nursing Home are holding a special day to help celebrate the Royal Wedding and have invited us to join them- more info to follow.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	All rooms	Bank Holiday	Nursery Closed
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	All rooms	Half Term	Children who attend Term time only will be absent this week. Holiday Club will be OPEN.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Pippins Pears and Saplings	Butterfly Education and Awareness Day	Alongside our topic 'Mini-beats', we will be looking into butterflies and how important they are as pollinators.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Pippins School Leavers	Photo Day	All school leavers to have photo taken. Letter to follow.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	All rooms (children who attend this day only)	Fathers/Grandfathers Day Tea	It's the daddy's turn! We are inviting the children's Daddy's /Grand daddy's
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Pippins Pears and Apples (School Leavers)	Sports Day	Parents are invited to come and watch their children at their Sports Day. More info to follow.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Pippins Pears and Apples (School Leavers)	Parents Evening	Parents are invited to come along and have a final meeting with their child's key worker. More info to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Pippins Pears and Apples Party	School Leavers Party	More info to follow.

## **News from the Departments:**

**Seedlings-** This term's topic is colours and we have been looking at a different colour every week. Children are invited to dress up as the colour- we will keep you informed on your child's Tapestry page so please keep a look out. We have been experimenting with coloured water, jelly, coloured oats, mixing paints and coloured rice. We will be also exploring coloured spaghetti and a Black and White sensory area.

With some warmer weather arriving, please ensure all children have a named sunhat and sun cream in their bag/drawer.

**Upper Seedlings-** We are looking at 'Farm' for our topic this term, with lots of trips down to our very own Farm! Children will be experiencing sitting on a tractor at the farm and feeding the pigs and chickens.

The children have been petting the new baby rabbits and the ducks at Nursery, which have now gone on the pond in our Orchard so we can visit and feed them every day!

We will soon be having a visit from a Shetland Pony and an alpaca!

**Saplings (Big Toddlers)-** This term's topic is Mini Beasts, which includes looking closely at the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

We have been searching for bugs in the garden using our new magnifying glasses. We will be making a bug hotel in the garden and painting pebbles to make minibeasts!

**Pippins Pears-** Our New topic is mini-beasts and we have a fantastic minibeast role-play area with a wormery and bee hive! On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, we had a Bee specialist to visit the children and talk to them about the importance of bees. The children found out about the many different kinds of Bees and their different colours. See Tapestry for pics!

**Pippins Apples-** We have a new topic of 'All About Me' and would love children to bring in some photos for our 'Family' board. We will also be looking at growing and life cycles. We have a new Blending Line for some children to start blending their sounds together!

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, some of the Pippins Apples visited the Boynes Nursing home and took part in their open day, they painted pots, listened to an Irish Jig band and played musical instruments! It was a really lovely afternoon and we will be visiting again soon!

**Orchard Explorers-** February Holiday Club will be open from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

After School Club- If you would like your children to make the most of our outdoor areas, please ensure you provide wellies and a waterproof coat that may be left here.

### A few reminders:

- Please ensure you provide wellies and waterproofs (**both Named**) for your children for each session they attend. The outdoors is rather muddy at the moment and the children love to go out and stomp in it!
- It is important that you adhere to your child's booked session times. If you have chosen a 9am to 3pm for example, children must not arrive before 9am and must be collected by 3pm. Staffing is worked out around these times so please ensure you collect in plenty of time to receive a handover. A late charge will apply for children consistently staying after their session end time.
- A reminder that invoices are sent around the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month (for the following month) and this must be paid within 7 days of receiving your invoice. Any invoices that are not paid by the end of the month that they refer to will incur late payment charges.
- May we remind you that the car park is a 5 Miles per hour speed zone, and it is important that you adhere to this to keep your children safe.
- Any session your child misses due to illness/holiday etc must be paid for as per our terms and conditions. Due to the nursery being very full at the moment, we are very unlikely to be able to offer a 'swap' session for their absence.
- Many thanks for those who are working with us to ensure the door is not being held open for others entering the nursery. A member of the management team will be on door duty at peak times to ensure they let everybody in- please ensure you do not let anyone in that you do not know.

### Farm News. . . .

- There is still some beautiful Blossom down at the Farm, come along to the Blossom trail and then pop into our café afterwards for a delicious cream tea!



- For any new parents - we run a Veg box delivery scheme at nursery with a selection of sizes and prices. Please ask at the office if you would like any more info on this.  
The Asparagus season is now underway.
- Also don't forget the Farm Butchery, we have found a tasty way to help relieve your hay fever symptoms with some delicious local honey sausages, and the BBQ season is coming soon.

**Many thanks for your continued support- The Little Blossoms Team x**