

The Greenfields Gazette

Welcome to the Summer Term and a very warm welcome to our new parents and children. We aim to make this term full of outdoor activities to enjoy our new outdoor learning area.

There are a few things that we would like to remind you of:

There have been some cases surrounding whole grapes and cherry tomatoes - please can we ask that these are always cut in half length ways and not left whole in lunchboxes, thank you.

When dropping children at nursery in the morning can we please ask that you arrive only a few minutes early as recently children have been arriving up to half an hour early which unfortunately affects our ratios. If however, you wish to book your child in for the Early Bird Session from 8.00-9.00 we can arrange this and have the correct staff ratio in place, thank you.

As Summer is fast approaching - please can you send your child with a sun hat and ensure that sun cream is applied to your child before dropping them at nursery, also, please supply a named bottle of sun cream so it can be re-applied if necessary, thank you.

The last week of term (w/c 17/7) will be 'Party Week'. In addition to our normal activities each day we will be playing games, face painting and lots, lots, more and hopefully eating our lunch outside!

For children receiving 3 & 4 year Nursery Education Funding from Warwickshire County Council this entitles your child to 15 hours free nursery education per week for 38 weeks of the year, however, the academic year is 39 weeks. Therefore, for the final week of Summer Term which is not covered by NEF we will have to charge you for your child's total hours without the benefit of the NEF. This charge will be forwarded to you at the beginning of the Summer Half Term.

In the **Big Room** we will be looking at the seasonal changes and discussing new beginnings. Our tadpoles are getting bigger and will, hopefully, grow legs soon. We are planting out our vegetable boxes so if anyone has any spare plants to donate we would be very grateful.

The children who are leaving for Primary School are in the process of learning the Alexander Technique, they are hearing the story of Terry Tall and Digby Down to introduce the magic words about the "floaty balloon head" and "runny custard shoulders". This is to make the children aware of having a tall and soft body versus a scrunched and heavy body. Ellie who is teaching the children is doing a session on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays after the May half term to ensure that all our school leavers can benefit.

(Please see attached for more information).

Dates for your diary

May Half Term

Mon 29 May – Fri 2 June
Forms for holiday club are now available. Closing date for bookings is Wednesday 24th May.

End of Term

Friday 21st July
Closing date for summer holiday club bookings is Wednesday 19th July.

Open Day!

June 24th 10am-12pm
For all new and existing parents.

As ever, we are always here to discuss your child's progress and address any concerns you may have.

We are making some lovely woolly creations to contribute to Shipston's Wool Fair on Bank Holiday Monday, 29 May 2017.

In the **Little Room** this term we are going to continue with our beach theme. We will be making more sea creatures and will be playing with sea animal toys, learning the names of different creatures and reading books. If you are going away on holiday to the seaside we would be really grateful if you can bring some seashells back so that we can play with them. It would also be great if you take some scenic photos of your seaside holiday for our seaside scene board.

Please, please, please make sure your child's lunch box is named clearly on the **outside** as we do have some children in our room with food allergies. Also water bottles are just as important because some of the children do not recognise their own bottle and nor do we, so we rely on you to put their name on. This also helps with containing the spreading of coughs, colds and other illnesses.

Thank you to all of you who took part in the Ready, Steady, Listen sponsorship. We raised £90.

We are having an informal parents evening on Monday, 5 June between 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm. You are welcome to come along at any point during this time to meet/talk to staff, look at your child's journal, look around the room and meet other parents. If, however, you can't make it, you will be able to take your child's journal home to read. We look forward to seeing you.



In the **Baby Room** this term we have been having lots of fun with sensory activities and have started exploring our outdoor space again.

We had a go at 'mess free' painting, we

enjoyed watching the paint spread when we moved our fingers over the paint pouch.



Bubbles! It was lots of fun playing in the bubbles, we sang songs about bubbles, watched them float and used our gross motor skills to transfer them between different containers.

We developed our physical and creative skills when we made marks with paint, paintbrushes and cotton wool pegs to create lovely Easter cards for our families.

We look forward to having lots of fun this term in the garden, playing in the sand, getting wet in water play and playing in the den. Please ensure your child has the correct outdoor clothing for the weather as we will be going out most days.