

Early Years' Newsletter: 14



Nursery with Mrs Bendall

Our beans have been growing nicely this week. We have been watching them closely for changes and have observed roots and leaves starting to poke out. Some of the seedlings were big enough to be planted into pots.

The children enjoyed making cookies, taking turns to carefully measure the ingredients, describing the changes in texture of the mixture and then eating them during a picnic.

We also had a wonderful time out on the school field, exploring equipment such as hoops and balls and loving having the chance to run, hop and jump in such a large space! The large goal nets became spiders' webs that caught the children for the spiders' lunch. Luckily, they managed to escape.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both Katherine and Emma, who have recently announced their pregnancies! We are all delighted for them and look forward to meeting the new arrivals in a few months' time ☺



Reception with Miss Smith and Ms Oliver

This week in Reception, we have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s to prepare the children for Year One. We have been drawing story maps and beginning to write our very own stories based on 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. After the success of the pop up beauty parlour, the children have decided to change the role-play area into a 'hairdressers' and there have been many interesting hairdos! We have also given the children their parts in the graduation play and we will be sending out more information in due course.

*Once again we had quite a few children without their Forest School kits this week. Please ensure that the children come prepared for their session (Ash-Wednesday, Beech-Friday). As per Mr Bowskill's e-mail, swimming will hopefully start the week beginning the 7th May.

*We would be very grateful if children could bring in book bags with reading records and reading books every day. Thank you.

*A polite reminder that juice should not be in the children's water bottles, as we are a Healthy School and kindly request that water only be supplied.

* If you have any boxes, smaller than a cereal box, we would appreciate them in the classroom, as the children love using them to make their creations.

*We would kindly like to remind you that the Reception gate will close at 8:45am, in line with the rest of the school. We have had quite a few late arrivals this last week, which have delayed the children's Phonics sessions. Please can we also ask that parents then exit the same way they come in, as parents should only be walking through the school if they have been signed in at the school office.

*For homework, we have supplied you with a questionnaire to be completed by parents. This will help us assess the children accurately against the areas of the EYFS curriculum. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

- ***Monday 7th of May*** Bank Holiday
- ***Saturday 12th of May*** Summer Fete
- ***Friday 25th of May*** Last day of Half Term
- ***Monday 4th of June*** Return to school
- ***Friday 22nd of June*** Doughnuts with Dad
- ***Friday 6th and Monday 9th of July*** INSET Days- school closed to children
- ***Wednesday 11th of July*** Reports out to parents
- ***Tuesday 24th of July*** End of Summer Term

Best wishes,

The Early Years' Team

