



Newsletter

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Monthly Update

This month, we have been taking advantage of our location and have been on several trips in the local area.

Children from both the Arc and St Hugh's took a trip to Crystal Palace. After getting the train there, we spent time exploring the vast park and hunting for dinosaurs. We enjoyed a picnic lunch too! Both rooms have also been on visits to the local



parks. Tabard park is one of our favourites and we like counting the squirrels when we are there too. In the nursery, we have been taking part in all sorts of science experiments.



From exploding lemonade fountains to colourful raining shaving foam clouds. Engaging in these type of experiments' allows us to develop our language skills and learn about reactions too. We have

also been exploring different textures in the sunshine room, we have been using a range of malleable resources to help promote children's sensory development.



We really like getting messy with the malleable activities too!

Staff News!

This month, we are saying goodbye to **Emily** and **Amelia**. We wish them all the best for their futures.



Bradley will also be moving from the rainbow room up to the sunshine room!

Nursery App

Have you downloaded our nursery app yet?!

We proudly launched it last month. The app has information about upcoming events, menu changes, news articles and much more!

To download the app, follow the instructions displayed in the nursery or speak to a member of the office team!

If you have already downloaded the app, we are also keen to hear your **feedback!** Please let us know if there is anything else you would like us to include in the content.



We have also visited the Tate Modern. There are a range of exhibitions that are interactive, we especially enjoyed the giant swings!

What will we get up to in February?!

Nursery Shoes

The nursery asks that all children change from their outdoor shoes into a pair of nursery shoes when they arrive in the morning. This is especially important in the winter months.

Please can we remind all parents of children in both the sunshine and rainbow rooms to change their child's shoes before they enter the room.

We advise a soft shoe such as clogs that are easy for the children to get on and off themselves, can be washed down easily if needed and are very durable.

Nursery shoes are to be kept in the dark purple bags which are on the children's pegs and then their outside shoes can be placed in there when they change them in the morning.



Thank you!



No outdoor footwear

Inset Days for 2018

On the following days the nursery will be **CLOSED** for staff training

13th July 2018
21st December 2018

As well as the usual bank holidays over the year.



Best Practice at the Arc

This month, we have taken part in a safeguarding refresher course. It is essential to keep our knowledge up to date!

We have also spent a lot more time with our friends across at St Hugh's it has been great to use their setting and for the children to get to know each other better too!



IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES:

Please take note of the following rules which are for the safety and wellbeing of all children in the nursery.

- Please do not allow your child to press the exit button for the front door, and please ensure you close all doors and do not prop doors open for those behind you - these are important safety issues.
- Please ensure you **close the gate** at the top of the stairs to the Sunshine room properly - shake it to check it has latched.
- Please do not allow your children to run in the corridor.
- Please leave your own toys at home, to avoid them getting lost or broken.
- **We only have space to store umbrella folding buggies for children under 3 years old. This is in line with our terms and conditions and nursery policy.**

Spare Clothes

Please can we remind all parents of the importance of having spare clothes in their child's light purple bag.

We ask that each child has 3 complete changes of clothes. Including:

Socks

Underwear

Trousers

Top

A warm layer such as a jumper (season depending)

If your child is sent home in their spare clothes, please remember to replace what has been used out of their bag so that there is plenty for next time.

The nursery does not have an exhaustive amount of spare clothes especially of things such as socks and underwear.

Thank you!

Sunshine Room Photo Wall

Make sure that you take all of your children's work home with you from their photo wall upstairs outside of the sunshine room.

Thank you!

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