



arc NURSERY Newsletter

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Staff News!

A huge congratulations to Ashleigh who is now married!

Sadly, this month, Billy will be leaving the nursery to return to Australia. We would like to wish him the best of luck on his travels and we hope he sends us some pictures of his adventure!



Open Day

This years open day is on the 15th July between 10am-2pm

It would be great to see you all there. All staff will be available to talk and it is a great opportunity to look at your child's books and artwork as well as take a look at what has changed around the nursery.

There'll be a BBQ too!



Big Toddle

A 'big' thank you to all those who took part in and donated to the big toddle. The children from the Arc and St Hugh's raised a fantastic £706!

Well done for a great sponsored toddle!

Monthly Update

Its been a warm month here at the arc so we have been staying cool with lots of water play.



We have spent lots of time outside enjoying the weather and learning about how to take care of our environment. We have planted lots of new plants and are helping them to grow.



We have also started using a compost bin and have been learning about the process of composting. We found out

what worms can do to help the compost; we put our scraps in the compost bin each day and then use it to help our plants grow. We have been using different mark making



tools, such as paint and pencils to draw on a large scale and have created some masterpieces!



We have also been busy making some yummy flapjacks. Here we are using vegan ingredients to make them.

We like to be able to take turns when making them and support our friends during the process. They were really tasty!



Best Practice at the Arc!

This month, lots of us have embarked on some new 12 week training. There are three different courses running; Understanding Autism, Equality and Diversity and Understanding Nutrition and Health. The training looks in detail at the topic and allows the learner to expand their knowledge in the area. As well as this training, some of us have also had a Safeguarding refresher course and some more of us will also be doing Paediatric First Aid in a few weeks time.

We have also just had a staff meeting where we reflected on our practice and came up with ways to develop our practice. . We also spoke about our ideas for the nursery.

Nails

Please can we remind all parents and carers to trim their child's nails and make sure that they are not sharp.



Spare Clothes

Please can we ask everyone to check their child's spare clothes bag and make sure that the clothes fit and are weather appropriate.

Please also remember to top up the bag when the clothes have been used.

During the summer months, we also recommend bringing some swimwear.

Thanks!

Buggies

Please make sure that you do not store your buggy at the nursery if your child is over 3. We have a scooter park that you are welcome to use instead of bringing a buggy. If your child is under 3 remember to bring an umbrella folding buggy.

Sports Day

This year, the Arc and St Hugh's will be holding a joint sports day!

Children will either participate on the **11th OR 12th July!**

More detailed information will be given to you soon but we would welcome all parents to join us and cheer the children on.

The event will be taking place in Tabard Park and the children will have the chance to participate in a range of races.

We cant wait!

Inset Days for 2017

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

14th July 2017
22nd December 2017

As well as the usual bank holidays over the year.



IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES:

Please Read

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.



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