



Newsletter

April 2016

The sunshine has been playing hide and like with us this month. The children have enjoyed spending lots of time in our gardens exploring and have all had a couple of trips to our local parks, Lumb Lane and Bramhall Park. If you and your families get a chance we would recommend going out to explore these parks, the flowers are blooming and they are great places to have a picnic!

As the sun is playing out with us a lot recently, please can we ask parents/ carers to provide appropriate clothing for outdoor play e.g sunhat, appropriate footwear. Nursery does provide factor 50+ suncream, if you would like us to use a suncream from home please do let us know. We would also like to ask parents to provide spare clothing in your child's bag, exploring the garden the children love water play and it becomes even more popular in the warmer weathers. We do have spare clothing, so don't worry if all the spares are used from your bag.

Front Door Policy

Our nursery prides itself on being a family friendly setting, and we love that some of our parents have formed friendships outside of nursery. You will most likely recognise faces whilst out and about in Bramhall because your children attend our setting. We understand that you may recognise a parent at the front door when dropping off or collecting your child. Please can we ask for you not to open the door to these parents when you are coming in and out of the nursery. Wait for a staff member to greet these parents. If there are no staff in the reception/office area, can we ask you to bob back into eh room to get one of us and we can greet parents. Thank you for your continued support.



Our team

Unfortunately we have to say a fond farewell to one of our amazing team members in May. Rosie will be leaving us on Friday 6th May. She is relocating to London to live with her boyfriend, Rosie has been for an interview at a nursery in London and absolutely smashed it. Rosie is an amazing practitioner and has worked very hard in the Toddler room to help all children grow and develop. We are going to miss your smiley face and your wonderful singing. I am sure you will agree with us when we say we are really going to miss her! We wish you all the luck in the world Rosie!

We have recruited Jeny, who some of you may have already been introduced to. Jenny works Monday and Tuesdays in our Toddler room. Jeny is originally from Mexico and has been with the team since the beginning of April. Jeny is very enthusiastic and is getting to know the children and their routines.

We have also recruited Debi, who will be working full time. Debi will be working alongside Dominique, Jeny and Charlotte in the Toddler room. Debi has a wealth of experience working with children, she has been working as a Room Manager at her previous nursery. Debi starts with us here at The Railway in June and we hope you will join us in giving her a warm welcome to the team!

Another note from Vikki

Wow! Can i just take a moment and thank you all again for you continued well wishes, I am totally blown off my feet by how much support I am receiving from my work colleagues and you as parents and your amazing children!

I recently popped into nursery, one of the pre school children asked me 'have you got a poorly tummy?' I do have a poorly tummy! But I have recently been told that all cancer has been removed and lymph nodes are negative. So my tummy is slowly getting better. I will be popping in and out of nursery over the coming weeks to help out with office work.

Thank you again for all being such amazing people!

Transitions

A number of children this month have been settling into their new room, we call this transitioning from one room to the next room. For example babies moving to the toddler room and toddler children moving to pre school.

Michelle or Vikki will write to you to let you know when your child is due to move to the next room. We understand that transitioning to a new room can sometimes feel like you're settling into nursery all over again. We want to make sure, not only your child is happy moving to the next room, but make sure you as parents are happy with the transition also. If any parents would like to come into nursery and discuss their child's transition please feel free to make an appointment. We can discuss the new key person and you can spend time with them to get to know the new room, the routine and different activities your child will be participating in.

LPPA

Thank you to the parents in our LPPA for their continued support and feedback. We are working very hard with all the feedback we have received from our meetings with different parents.

Ceri has spoken to somebody about new signs to be put up in and around the nursery setting. New signs to welcome you into the nursery and clearer signs in the nursery car park. We will also have a new display in the reception area 'Meet Our Team', so hopefully the displays will become a lot clearer for everybody to see

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kid Vouchers. There is a box in the reception area to post your vouchers. Thank you to those parents and children that have already deposited some vouchers!

We will continue to collect these vouchers until July and then we will be able to tally them up and purchase some additional outdoor play equipment.

Thank you to those families that have deposited vouchers already.

Busy Babies - News from the baby room



The babies have been taking advantage of the lovely weather and explored the gardens, they have really enjoyed being able to explore the big garden, especially watching the big children as they explore. The babies have explored lots of different textures and materials, including water, gloop, flour and full body paintings! It's been lots of messy fun for all.

This month the babies will be making relationships and exploring lots of group activities. We will be encouraging the babies to take turns, listen to and follow simple instructions, we will do this at 'tidy up' time and when playing games like throwing the balls back and too.

Vikki is back this month also and she can't wait to get back involved exploring lots of messy creative activities again!

Sarah, Karen and Vikki :)

Toddlers - News from the toddler room



In April Toddlers have learnt all about themselves and their friends! We have had lots of fun looking at our faces in the mirrors and dressing up. The children have even had a go at drawing their own self portraits, and they all did a very good job! Our favourite activity this month has been dancing, the children have learnt the actions to the 'hokey cokey' which has been great fun!

Outside of our theme this month, we have had some lovely picnics in the garden when it has been sunny. The children have also been learning some more Makaton signs and can sign along to the song 'I can sing a rainbow'.

Rosie, Charlotte, Jeny and Dominique

Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre School have been exploring Superheroes this month which they have absolutely loved! Lots of dressing up and making up stories about different super heroes, Terri and Ceri have written these stories on the white board in the room and all the children really enjoyed getting involved using their imaginations. The pre school children have also enjoyed making binoculars and telescopes this month! Please can we ask for any parents to donate kitchen roll tubes or wrapping paper tubes so we can encourage using our imaginations some more (we are not allowed toilet roll tubes due to health and safety reasons).

Our new theme for May is 'Healthy Body, Happy Me'. The children will be learning all about how to look after our bodies and how we keep healthy. We are also planning a sponsored walk, so stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

Terri, Ceri and Niamh

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th May - Pre School visit to Simply Books

Saturday 7th May - First Aid Workshop

Tuesday 10th May - Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 25th May - Music and Dancing day

Every Friday throughout May - Theatre Tots 9:30-10am

Please could we ask you to.....

Label your child's clothes

Could all parents label your child's clothes, as we are getting busier in the nursery we want to ensure that clothes don't get mixed up and you go home with the right outfits. Can we also remind parents to provide spare clothing for your child/ren, we can have messy days at nursery which require additional changes of clothes. We do have nursery spares clothing in case of emergency but these are limited items.

Nursery opening Times

As you are all aware our nursery opening hours are 8am-6pm. We understand that parents may get to nursery a little earlier than this due to no traffic being on the road, or maybe you've just had a super organised morning! Please can we remind you that we can only let you into the nursery at 8am. You may see staff in the nursery before this time, they are working hard to set the rooms up for the day and will also be preparing breakfast for your child's arrival.

Plastic Bags

Most of our parents already provide a bag for their child's spare clothes, but please can we remind parents to use back packs or canvas bags to store their child's belongings at nursery. Plastic bags are a choking hazard for children/babies and are a danger to have in the nursery.

Calpol/Liquid Paracetamol

Please can we ask parents to provide calpol for your child if you sign it in on a medication form? The nursery can provide calpol in emergency situations if your child suddenly has a high temperature during their time at nursery. We will always contact you before administering emergency medication for consent.

Car Park Safety

Please can we ask parents to be extra vigilant when using the car park and getting your child in and out of the car. We promote 'staying safe' whilst at nursery and would like the children to learn about safety and how we keep themselves safe. There can be moving vehicles at busy times, especially during drop offs in the morning and pick ups in the evening. Please can we ask you to hold your child's hand when getting in and out of the car and coming into the nursery?

Use Learning Journals

We would like to remind all parents that you can check your child's progress by logging onto 'Learning Journals' at any time. If you would like to speak to your child's key person about their development you are welcome to at any point. All parents should now have received an email from 'learning journals'. If you do not yet have a username or password, or have any questions or queries about the online 'learning journals' package please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Pushchairs

Some parents walk into nursery with their child in a pushchair. We can then store the pushchair here at nursery for the day and you collect it when you pick your child up at the end of the day. Please can we ask these parents to collapse their pushchair in the morning when they leave, this makes it easier for us to store them away. Thank you.

Evacuate during Fire Alarm Tests

We will be testing the fire alarms every Monday, if you hear the alarm please can we ask that you evacuate to the back garden. Thank you.



Any questions or anything we can help you with please feel free to speak to a member of our team or you can send us an email to enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk.

The Railway Nursery Team