



# Newsletter

## August 2019

Hi everyone, well that was a very quick month. We hope you have all been enjoying your summer holidays. The Railway Team has been very busy taking part in some great themed activities. Please have a read below of what your child's room has been up to.

We would like to say a big thank you to our pre-school families who are leaving us this month. It has been a pleasure to care for your children and be a part of their learning journey. Keep in touch and let us know how your next adventure is going. We will miss you and wish you all the best in school!

We would also like to welcome our new families to The Railway Team. It has been lovely getting to know you so far and we are excited to start this new adventure with you. If you have any questions about nursery life please do not hesitate to get in touch or ask a member of staff.

We have lots of exciting events coming up this month (please see below for a list of dates for your diary).

We are very excited about Roald Dahl day on Friday 13th September. The staff members are busy thinking of dress up and activity ideas. If your child attends this day please join in the fun by dressing your child up as a Roald Dahl character. We will be having a tea party in the garden in the afternoon, lots to look forward to.

Week commencing 23rd September is Harvest Festival. There will be a collection box for Wellspring in the entrance. If you would like to donate we will be collecting tinned and dried foods. Thank you in advance for any donations.



## Our team

Congratulations to our staff member of the month, Terri! She has received a huge 7 votes this month. Terri has been working incredibly hard, not only as Acting Nursery Manager and learning a new role along the way, but she has also been an excellent support to staff and still worked with her 17 key children in the pre-school room. You truly are our wonder woman. Well done Terri.

We sadly have to say goodbye to Beth this month. She has been a great support to the staff and children over the summer. We would like to thank you Beth for all your work and we wish you all the best for the future.

We are very excited to be welcoming Vikki back to work very soon. She will be starting back on a phased return and we are currently unsure of precise dates, however please join us in giving her a warm welcome back and say 'hi' when you see her. We can't wait to welcome you back Vikki!

### Babies - News from the baby room

This month babies have focused on the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Throughout August they have made their own caterpillar display where they took part in fruit tasting and turned from very hungry caterpillars into colourful butterflies. Therefore the babies created butterflies using their footprints and paint. Babies have also enjoyed a trip to stockport fountains where they had fun splashing and exploring the water.

Next month the theme is textures, supported by the 'That's not my...' books. The babies will be creating a new texture display. Keep a look out for it in the sensory room.

Tasha, Lydia and Mary :)

### Toddlers - News from the toddler room

The theme for the month in toddlers has been transport, supported by the book, "Peppa and the Big Train".

Some of the children have enjoyed a trip to Stockport fountains on the bus and running in and out of the water. Taking the bus was lots of fun.

At nursery the children have explored mark making using transport toys, dipping wheels in paint and creating tracks. Foam play with cars has also been a messy play highlight. We can't have a transport themed month without Thomas the Tank Engine making an appearance. The children have enjoyed reading Thomas the Tank Engine stories and have also visited the library to find some more books about transport. When walking in the village the children enjoyed looking at the vehicles on the road and seeing what they could spot on the way to their destination.

Our book September book of the month will be 'Opposites' by Roald Dahl. The toddler staff would love to know what opposites you find at home. We are also excited to welcome 'Pop up Percussion' to the toddler room this month. Becca will be running our new music and song sessions every Thursday.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

### Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-School have really enjoyed their Toy-Story theme this month. The children have taken part in lots of child initiated role play games, each of them choosing a Toy Story character they would like to be. Craft activities they have taken part in include Making slinky pictures and painting Buzz Lightyear space pictures. The children have also explored movement in the garden, flying like Buzz, stretching like Slinky and stomping like Rex. Our theme next month is Animals. The pre-school staff are planning a trip to the farm and have lots of other exciting activities up their sleeves.

In September we welcome back Helen Adkins who will be running some more speech and language sessions. These have been a massive success so far for the children and staff to learn communication skills and develop the children's personal, social and emotional development.

Ceri and the team are excited to introduce some new pre-schoolers to forest school. If you are a parent of a child who is going to school in September 2020 we invite you to our forest school information evening, led by Ceri on Tuesday 10th September 6:30pm-7:30pm. This is a great opportunity to learn about the forest school ethos, the activities your child will be taking part in and the clothes/items your child will need. It is also the perfect opportunity to ask questions and get as excited about forest school as we are!

Terri, Ceri, Julie, Georgia, Marta and Olivia.

Please could we remind you.....

## **Notice Period**

We would like to remind parents that our notice period for changing days at nursery or leaving the nursery is 2 months. As you may be aware, we are very full and have waiting lists in place for parents who are awaiting spaces in the future so if you do know your child will be leaving, please let us know to help us manage our waiting lists. We do sometimes have availability for extra sessions on certain days so please speak to a member of the team if you would like to enquire about an extra session for your child.

## **Front door policy**

We have a number of new families that have joined our lovely Railway Nursery, we would like you to join us in giving a warm welcome! Please can we give a gentle remind to all of our nursery families about the nursery front door policy. Only Railway Nursery staff are allowed to let anybody into the nursery building. If you are on your way out of the building and see somebody at the door, please can you get the attention of any staff member to let them in. Thank you to all of our families for their continued support.

We have a fancy new bell at the front door too, one that calls the individual rooms for entry. If you are in the baby room please call the toddler room when you arrive. Please can we also ask all parents to say who is at the door to ensure we know who is in the building.

## **Fire alarm**

Please be aware if you are on site on a Monday morning's the fire alarm may sound. This is the time we test our fire alarm and all rooms are made aware of this beforehand. If a member of staff asks you to exit the building it is not a drill. Please follow our fire procedure and meet in the garden so everyone can be accounted for.

## Dates for your diary:

Forest School Information Evening  
(For the parents of school leavers 2020)  
Tuesday 10th September 6:30pm-7:30pm

Forest School  
Wednesday 11th September

Roald Dahl Day  
Friday 13th September

National Playdough Day  
Monday 16th September

Forest School  
Tuesday 17th September

Harvest Festival - Collecting for Wellspring  
Week Commencing 23rd September

Forest School  
Monday 30th September

Parent Workshop  
Understanding children's behaviour with Georgia  
Wednesday 16th October

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](mailto:enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk).

The Railway Nursery Team