

# May 2019 newsletter



#### Main Nursery

A big 'thank you' to parents for all your support with the photos you have been sending in to school showing the bean plants the children have been growing at home, and also the photos of the children as babies.

The children have been excited to share their photos and have the opportunity to talk about these in their colour groups. This had led to lots of work around height and measuring as the children have explored the growth of both their plants and themselves. Adults have encouraged children to 'notice' and talk about the changes they have observed and this has led to many stories, discussion and exploration around growth and change. This focus has also led to lots of storytelling and adults have scribed the children's ideas as they have told their stories.

Woodwork has continued to fascinate and inspire the children and this term they have been learning different techniques to fix and join their work. We have also begun to work together on longer pieces of wood. Thank you for the wood offcuts that have been brought in for the children to work on and thank you to all our parent volunteers who have helped Leesa in Forest School and with the woodwork.





#### Summer weather reminders

With the beautiful sunshine arriving we need your help to keep your children safe and healthy in the sun. Please can you ensure that sun cream is applied before school, children bring a sun hat and that crucially, they are wearing suitable shoes for running and climbing. Toes should be covered to avoid injury, so please avoid sandals, crocs or slip on shoes. Trainers or pumps are ideal.



#### Nurture Nursery

The children in Nurture Nursery have responded positively to the extended morning session. They have particularly enjoyed the new routine of having a piece of toast and a drink of water mid-morning. The new children have settled quickly and have already begun to build positive relationships with adults and other children in the setting.

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# FACEBOOK LIKES AND SHARES!

In a bid to maximise our September 2019 places, and encourage more footfall to our community services, Belinda has recently taken over editor rights of our Facebook page. We'd been hugely grateful for as many 'likes' and 'shares' of our posts as possible, and thank you in advance if you feel you can support us with this. Please be assured that we will be posting strictly in line with parental photo permission. Our page is called Kenilworth Nursery School and Early Years Training *C*entre.

# Family Learning Food Explorers FREE course

If you, or friends you know locally, would like to deepen your understanding of how your child/children can be encouraged to explore new foods and develop confidence around food then this FREE 4 week course could be right for you and your child/children.

It will be taking place on 4 consecutive Tuesdays - 11, 18, 25 June and 2 July between 1 - 2.30pm in our Family Play Room off the main reception. There are 6 places available please contact Belinda to book a space on 01926 853394.

Week 1 – Exploring the feel of food Week 2 –Exploring the smell of food Week 3 – Exploring how food tastes Week 4 – Exploring how food looks Transition profile to Primary School If your child is leaving us in July, you will have received your child's Primary School place. To help the Reception Teachers prepare for your children to start in September 2019, we would like to send transfer information about your child to their new Primary School. Due to GDPR regulations we are unable to send this information unless you agree this can happen. We will be sending out permission letters

after half term for you to opt in or out of this process, and will let you know on Seesaw when these are in your children's draws to collect.

# SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual sponsored Sports Day in Main Nursery will be on Thursday 11 July. This will be a very fun event to attend and all money raised will be spent on curriculum supplies.

# Bookstart Treasure Gifts 2018/19

For those children leaving us in July, after half term they will be receiving a national Bookstart Treasure Gift that comes courtesy of a national book gifting scheme run by Bookstart and delivered by Warwickshire Libraries. The Treasure Gift can be a great opportunity to talk to parents about the benefits of sharing books, reading with your children and promoting the benefits of using your local library. If your child is staying with us in September, they will receive their own Bookstart Treasure Gift next year, so please don't worry as they won't miss out!

Important diary dates (new dates listed in <u>red</u>)

Summer half term: Monday 3 June - Friday 19 July

CONFIRMED Extraordinary Teacher Training Day – Monday 3 June (no Main Nursery or Nurture Nursery for children)

Teacher Training Day – Friday 21 June (no Main Nursery or Nurture Nursery for children) Thursday 4 July Open Day for new starter children/parents (10 – 11.30am or 1 – 2.30pm) Thursday 11 July Sponsored Sports Day in Main Nursery – details to follow!

Last day of summer term: Friday 19 July

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