



Dear Parents/Carers

You may have noticed we have made some changes to make it easier for the children when they arrive. We now have a welly and shoe rack for them to place their own belongings away. We hope this will encourage them to develop their independence skills. Children learn to recognize their own belongings and this helps build their recognition skills.

We still have some further improvements to make, as we would like each child to have their own space. However, we need more shoe racks to accommodate all the shoes.

We know there have been times when children go home with someone else's belongings. It would be so helpful if you would mark all your child's belongings with their name or initials, this would really help us. Please return any items that have been taken by mistake, we do understand. Please put a sun hat in our child's bag every day to protect them from the sun.

Tapestry on line learning journals

Thank you for returning Tapestry permissions. Some parents are not accessing their children's observations. The children absolutely love looking at their photographs and videos of their time at pre-school. You will be receiving a letter with instructions how to log on if you have not done so already.

September 2016 Sessions

The spaces are already starting to be filled. Please remember to register any younger siblings, and remind friends and family to ensure you can be guaranteed sessions starting in September. If anyone would like to visit us please ask a member of staff to arrange a visit.

The Queen's Birthday celebrations

Come dressed as Kings, Queens, princesses and princes, or maybe you have another idea? We will offer you cream teas and refreshments. The children will be making crowns jewels and we will have a treasure hunt to find the lost diamond or the queens knickers! We will be sending out a letter soon with dates and more details.

Planting

We have started our planting activities! The children cleaned out the planters in the garden discovering many different types of insects. These were investigated with magnifiers. The children are really enjoying these gardening activities and we are hearing about members of their families who like gardening too! We will be extending our planting over the next few weeks, taking on board ideas from the children about the colours they would like to see.



Our broad beans and carrots are sprouting, along with the cress indoors, and we will be reading Jack and the Bean stalk. Do you have a copy of this book you would like to send in with your child? Would you like to come in and read the story to us?

Soup making day!

The children were very keen to make soup. We bought vegetables which included broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, spinach and herbs. I wish you could have seen their faces as they all enjoyed eating their green soup with empty bowls from everyone.

We would like to have a soup day on a different day each week to include all children who attend Filton

Family Fun Day

Thank you for returning your slips for the Family Fun Day arranged for 28th June, to Old Down Country Park.

Gym Sessions

Health and safety requires us to ensure children are safe during their gym sessions on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. We have access to large soft play equipment and many other opportunities for your children to take part in team games.

Please can you ensure no tights are worn on these days as they are a slipping hazard.

Can you please help your children who are starting in reception in September 2016 by providing them with shorts and plimsolls (daps).

This will allow your children plenty of opportunity to develop their dressing and undressing skills which will help prepare them for reception class.

Lunch Boxes

We encourage healthy eating and we hope to see the contents of lunch boxes reflecting this. Sugary drinks should be avoided as they are not only bad for children's teeth but may also affect their behaviour. Thank you for cutting the grapes you provide for your children.

I will shortly be sending out some information offering suggestions on lunch box contents.

Thank you very much for all your kind donations of clothes and toys. We really value all your help and support. Thank you also for your Active Kids vouchers, please continue to bring them in, we will be able to get some new equipment if we get enough. And, thanks once again for all your donations of fruit and snacks, these are greatly appreciated and help us to provide a snack for all the children. Please continue to donate fruit vegetables and savoury snacks. Please no chocolate biscuits.



Fee Payments

We appreciate the majority of parents support our current policy but would just like to remind you that fees are due NO LATER THAN the 1st of each month. Late payments will incur a late charge of £30. Please do not part pay your account as this causes confusion with the admin.

Our preferred method of payment is BACS (bank transfer):

Account No: 23895868

Sort Code: 30-62-32

PLEASE USE YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME AS A REFERENCE.

Stay and Play Sessions

Thank you for contacting me with dates for Stay and Play sessions. We are looking to plan for further Stay and Play Sessions in May. Please let us know by email or text if you would like to attend.

Transition to Reception Class

On Thursday afternoons we will be visiting reception class at Filton Hill Primary School.

Ms Hake has invited all the children to visit her in order to become familiar with their new classroom.

This will help the children moving onto Filton Hill with this transition.

We will continue to work closely with her and the children to ease the transition for those moving on to Primary School in September. We are working to arrange similar events with other schools in the area.

Sun hats and sun cream.

We have experienced a couple of warmer days in May. Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child prior to coming to pre-school. Would you please supply a sun hat for both girls and boys to protect them when the sun is out.

Dates to remember:

- Queen's Birthday afternoon tea celebrations, date to be arranged.
- Den Day-Save The Children- Friday 17th June
- Family Fun Day Old Down Country Park 28TH June
- Filton Library Fun crafts during the May break 2nd June
- A Right Royal Party 2.30pm-4pm.
- Concept Photography will be visiting on 26th May at 8.30am.



Take care and have fun!!

Yours sincerely,

Annette, Sam and Sangeeta

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