

## Summer 2 2022 Newsletter

Welcome back - it's hard to believe but somehow we find ourselves in Term 6! We hope you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations.

One quick apology to start the term. I forgot to welcome Sam Bowers to our team last term. Sam will be working with us on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. Welcome Sam!!

We have a busy and fun-filled term ahead. Please make a note of the dates of our upcoming events.

### The Term Ahead

As we start to look forward to the summer break our focus this term will be around the world, holidays and travel. We will look at maps and flags, talk about different countries which we may have visited or may be looking forward to visiting and try some food from different countries. We will also talk about going to the beach and staying safe in the sun.

With our older children we will spend time talking about starting school. We have lots of stories to support them with the transition.

This week we will be talking all about our daddies as we look forward to Fathers' Day.

As always if your child would like to bring in anything relating to our topic to show their friends at circle time we would love to see it.

### Outstanding Invoices - please read!

Unfortunately, we seem to have a large number of unpaid invoices this term.

You may have received an invoice when your child is usually fully funded. This is caused by the structure of the academic year 21/22 which has had an impact on sessions during terms 3 & 4 and 5 & 6.

To clarify, all children over the age of 3, plus funded 2 year olds, receive up to 15 hours free education for 38 weeks of the year. Term dates have meant that there are 39 Wednesdays and Thursdays in this academic year which means that if your child attends either or both days you may have received a bill when you may not normally.

If your child is fully funded we cannot insist you pay this invoice however we will have to ask your child to miss the sessions which are not being paid for.

As a small charity run nursery, we are reliant on income from fees to top up the limited funds paid by the Government, to pay staff and to ensure that the nursery is sustainable.

The £25 voluntary snack contribution itemised on every invoice also provides much needed funds to ensure that we can continue to be able to provide snacks for the children. Income from this contribution also goes towards the cost of providing cooking activities which the children enjoy.

We understand that families are currently under increasing financial pressure. If you are unable to pay your invoice or would like to set up a payment plan please speak to Mrs Tyler.

## Transition Evening

We will be holding a transition evening on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. This will be a Parents' Evening for all children who are leaving The Oaks to go to school. It will be an opportunity to meet with your child's keyworker and to go through the paperwork which we will be sending to your child's new school. Please look out for a sign up sheet at drop off in the next couple of weeks.

## Lending Library

Our lending library has been a great success so far. We have been pleased to see how keen the children have been to choose a book. We really would like your feedback on how your child has enjoyed listening to the stories at home.

As the end of the academic year approaches please could you ensure all books are returned to nursery. Many thanks.

## Three Stars and a Wish

At the end of last term we sent out our 'Three Stars and a Wish' questionnaire. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us to improve the provision and activities which we offer to the children. We would be grateful if you could take some time to complete the form and return it



## Sunny Days

We haven't seen many so far but are always hopeful.....! We love to be outside and we hope we will be able to enjoy lots of, warm sunny days out in our garden. **Please could you ensure that all children have a named sunhat and that you apply sun cream before they come into nursery.** We will, of course, top up their cream during the day with your permission. .

As the ground dries out underfoot we also hope to visit the 'Rec' more frequently as we begin to practise for our Sports Day at the end of the summer. Please can you ensure that your child always has suitable outdoor shoes at nursery such as trainers. Open toed sandals and Crocs, whilst cool, are not ideal for running around in.

## Summer Outing - Save the Date

We are planning to visit Penshurst Place and gardens for our annual summer outing on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Should we need to cancel in the event of bad weather we have booked a reserve date of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. This is an outing for all children, parents and carers. Please note Nursery will be closed on this day - more details will follow in due course.



## Sports Day and Leavers' Service

We are planning a full day of celebrations on our last day of term, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. All children and parents, carers, grandparents are invited. Please keep this day free, it really is a special day. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



## Drop off and Pick Up

Just a reminder that all children should be dropped at the nursery gate in the morning and lunchtime. Pick up at lunchtime is also from the nursery gate.

If you need to pick up before 3pm please also collect your child from the nursery gate. After this time we would appreciate it if you used the main nursery door via the school entrance. We are having a number of instances where parents are picking up from the nursery gate after 3pm which means staff are having to let children out at either end of the building at the same time.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

### Some things to remember please.....

- Your child needs a change of shoes for the nursery. Black plimsolls are ideal as they can be worn outside when it is dry and are easy for your child to put on and take off independently. Please remember to name them as we have many pairs that look the same.
- Please ensure your child has a change of clothes. The children will be outside whatever the weather and may play with mud and water.
- Please ensure your child has a pair of named welly boots
- In the event of any bouts of sickness or diarrhoea children must be kept off nursery for at least 48 hours after the last episode to prevent cross infection.
- Please remember if your child has a temperature or has needed Calpol or other similar medicine in the morning before nursery then they should not attend.
- The nursery is a 'nut free zone'. We have a child with a nut allergy so please ensure lunch boxes do not contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches etc. Also, in line with Environmental Health guidelines, all lunchboxes should contain an ice pack.
- Please ensure all grapes are cut in half
- Please ring if your child will not be attending due to illness or holiday as reasons for absence have to be noted. In addition please inform us if your child is expected to be collected by someone other than yourself. We will not allow a child to leave our care unless we have been advised beforehand of a change of arrangement.
- **The school car park is for staff use only.** Please adhere to KCC's request not to use the car park at any time of the day.
- The Nursery's policies and procedures are available to read and can be found in a purple folder in the entrance hall.

If you have any worries or concerns please feel free to contact me or a member of the team at any time.

**Becky Tyler and The Oaks Team**

## Dates for your Diary Summer 2022

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Evening
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer outing to Peshurst <b>(Please note nursery will be closed on this day)</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Peshurst reserve date
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Term 6 Sports Day, picnic and leavers service for all

Please check your yellow books for any changes to these dates or for new dates

Many thanks