



Newsletter

3-5s Nursery June 2018

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Dear parents and carers

Summer is here, the World Cup is underway, Wimbledon will be here before we know it and so will the end of term...5 weeks to go! How is it possible their Dorking Nursery days are almost over?!?

Transition to School

Your children are all preparing for their new schools with transition visits. Please let us know when they will be out of school. We will be meeting all the reception teachers during the term and also make books to share with the children.

As part of the transition, we invite you all to a 'Getting Ready for School' evening on Thursday 28th June at 7pm. We will talk to you about the range of things you can do to prepare your child for the move to 'big school' as well as what we do in Nursery.

Thinking about transition to 'big school' also involves thinking about uniform shopping, which can be stressful for everyone. Marks and Spencer are doing a 'Sensory Friendly School wear morning' on 1st July. They also do a range of sensory uniform.



Thursday 28th June - Getting ready for school Evening for 3-5s parents 7pm

Friday 29th June - INSET Day - Nursery Closed

Thursday 5th July - Teddy Bears Breakfast Club

Wednesday 11th July - reports to parents

Thursday 19th July - last day of nursery sessions

Friday 20th July - Family Picnic - 10am - 11.30am - more information to come in a separate letter! (No normal sessions at all on Friday 20th July)

Breakfast and Lunchclub

If your child will be attending all day in September, it is a good idea to consider some lunch clubs this term. This will support the transition for your child so that their experiences are not all 'new' at the same time. If you would like your child to attend lunch club, it is from 11.45am - 12.30pm each day and costs £8.50 which includes the price of the hot meal.

Don't forget about Breakfast Club, open from 8am - 8.45am each morning. £5 per session. Please talk to Sarah if you are interested. There will be a Teddy Bears Breakfast Picnic on Thursday 5th July, let Sarah know if you want to book your child in, Teddy Bears and all!

Birthday time!

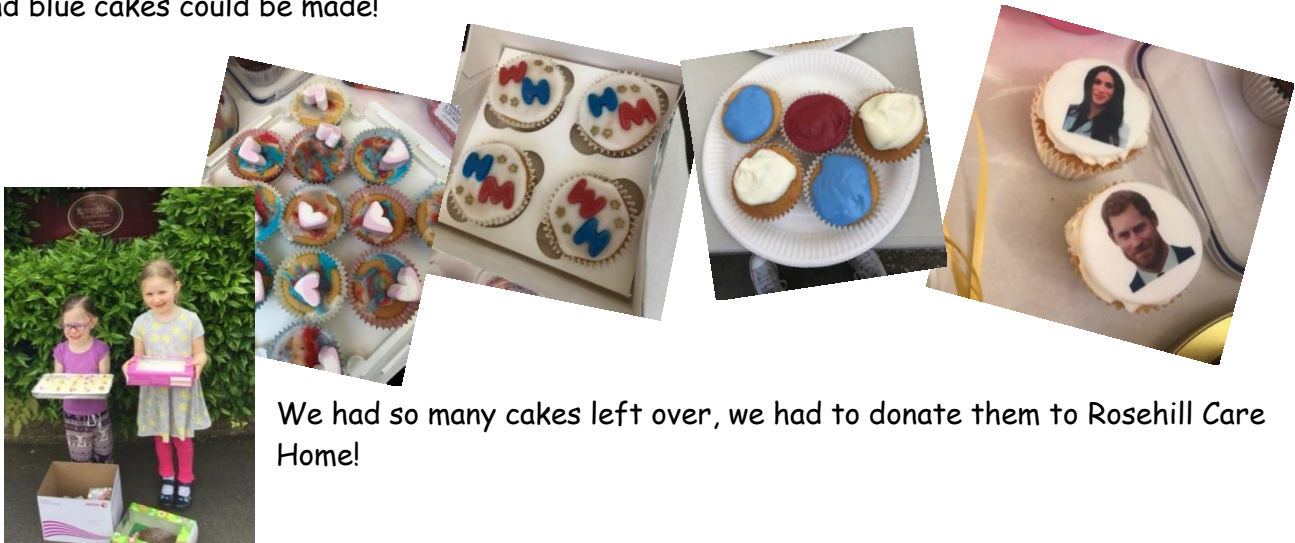
Both our 2-3s and our Children's Centre are 10 this year (and our Nursery is 80 next year!)

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Royal Wedding Day

We were completely overwhelmed by the fabulous cakes for our Royal Wedding cake sale! We make a total of £177 from the day! We did not realise so many different varieties of red, white and blue cakes could be made!



We had so many cakes left over, we had to donate them to Rosehill Care Home!

Sponsored Week

Our sponsored event was also a huge success. FOND are currently counting the final total raised, if you have not yet sent your child's money in, please do so as soon as possible. The children all faced the challenge set and did a great job!

We now also have a 'full' Just Giving account, therefore if you are taking part in a sponsored event (Cycle Ride, Marathon, abseil!?!), you can choose to donate your funds to FOND. All the monies raised go directly to the children. Let us know if you want to do this and we can support you with your fundraising.



A huge thank you also to a group of students from The Ashcombe, who did some fundraising for us - they sold donuts and raised a whopping £345! Thanks team!



FOND will be arranging their final fundraiser of this school year in the next few weeks - a Summer Raffle!

We are going to be featured in the Tesco Blue Token 'Bags of Help' scheme during July and August. (Dorking Express, Gatwick Extra or Horley Express) - if you shop in any of those stores, then please give us your token and vote for us!

TESCO Bags of Help



Forest School

The time has sadly come to say goodbye to Forest School. The children have one last visit planned for the beginning of next week, on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. We will be revisiting the pond to check on the progress of our tadpoles, we might even have some frogs by now. We will be observing the summer changes to the garden and this is where our hide and seek game takes on a whole new meaning, as the grass and foliage is at the highest ever! The children will have the chance to play their favourite games, have a swing in the hammock, explore the wilderness and maybe find a few bugs. They will also create their very own fabric using a collection of leaves and wild flowers and a hammering technique, otherwise known as hapa zome, no doubt they will let you know exactly how to do it after their visit. We will also be taking a break and drinking hot chocolate as the children insist on it, whatever the weather!

Safety first

Please can you take note of the following policy:-

1. The children need to wear a hat outside, please either provide your own for your child (named) or they will be asked to wear a nursery one
2. Sunglasses are not permitted
3. Open toe shoes, sandals or crocs are not permitted
4. Long floaty dresses/skirts and vest tops are not advised - shorts, t shirts and trainers are advisable
5. Please put suncream on your child before the session
6. Please bring jumpers, hoodies or a cardigan, even if you think it is sunny, it could still be chilly if they are outside for a long period of time.
7. Please be careful if your child is 'scooting' down the path after nursery, the drive is on a small incline and there have been a few accidents recently.

You may have seen in the National Press about the rise in the oak processionary moth. Please be aware of these types of caterpillar when exploring the woods locally with your children. They can cause asthma attacks, rashes and vomiting, as well as fever and eye irritation.



Support for the Children's Centre

Thanks to all of you who have signed the National and Surrey petition to support continued funding for our Children's Centre. If you signed the Surrey one, you will have received an email explaining that it has triggered a discussion in the Cabinet meeting on the 3rd July. I will attend this, so watch this space for more information.

We Are



Our amazing Children's Centre team are not letting this dampen their spirits and continue to do everything they can to support families. The team are organising a fun day on Friday 27th July, 10.30am - 1.30pm for families (£2 per family, tickets from the office) at our Goodwyns Road site. Face painting, farm, stalls, magician, etc! We will also be celebrating the 10th birthday of the Children's Centre - #WeAre10!

Donna Harwood-Duffy
Headteacher





Dorking Children's Centre Fun Day
10th Anniversary Celebrations


Friday 27th July
10.30am - 1.30pm
Goodwyns Road

For families with children up to age 11 years.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Come and join us at the Children's Centre for a fun filled day, including:

- Millers Ark Farm
- Various Children's Activities
 - BBQ
 - Stalls
 - Face Painting
 - Magician

Entry £2 per family. To book your ticket please contact the Children's Centre on 01306 740095

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