

NEWSPLETTER



SKETCHLEY HILL MENPHYS NURSERY

MARCH 2016

Welcome to the latest Newsletter for the Nursery, we hope you enjoy reading it. This is a very short half term as we had towards an early Easter. The children are very busy learning about lots of fabulous things, including Space and hopefully getting 'Out and About' in the nice weather.



A big Happy Birthday to Lacey, Kaylan, Breckin, Joshua, Olivia, Zack, Marie, Emily, Evie, Karl and Kara who are celebrating their birthdays in March and April. We hope you have a lovely day.

SPRING FAIR—SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2-4pm



Preparations are well underway for the Nursery's Spring Fair. Thank you to those of you who have already donated a raffle prize or visited a local business to ask for their support. Your efforts are very much appreciated. This is our main fund raising project of the year and is always lots of hard work, but worth all the effort in the end! This year we are fundraising for a 'Magic Carpet'/ Interactive Sensory Surface. As mentioned previously, to help with the preparations we would be very grateful if you could donate any of the following items: Raffle prizes, Bottles of wine (full and empty required, with screw top lid please), Food and drink for the Tombola, Soft Toys, Cakes (but not till Friday 15th April, or the staff may want to eat them!), children's toys and games. Raffle tickets will be sent home with each child and staff member, please sell them, if you can! If not, please return them to Nursery so we can sell them on the day. Thank you in advance for all your efforts.



DINNER MONEY

Dinner money is currently £2 a day. Please send in daily, weekly or monthly (whichever is most convenient for you), thank you. Please ask Beverley in the Office if you would like a specific amount calculating.



NURSERY START TIME — 9.15am

Just to remind you all that the Nursery's start time is 9.15am. Please do not arrive before that if possible. The reason we don't start before then is to ensure that all the children attending the Primary School; on the same site, can safely access their playground. We would be grateful if you could adjust your arrival times accordingly.

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SEN TRANSPORT

It's almost that time of year again, when you need to apply for your child's transport, ready for the start of the new school year (August 2017).

There has been **no change** to the eligibility rules for SEN students, but the charge for Nursery age children will be increased to £600 pa (with an exemption for low income families) from September 2016.



Application forms for SEN Nursery students will be available online, on the council website at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/send-school-transport from **4th April 2016**.

The closing date for these applications is 31st May 2016. Please remember to send your form in on **time** and also, that you **need to reapply every year**.

Please note, if you are moving house you will need to complete a new transport form well before your move. It can take up to 15 working days for a full assessment to be completed and for transport to be changed.

COFFEE MORNINGS

- ♦ Wednesday 9th March
- ♦ Thursday 14th April
- ♦ Friday 13th May
- ♦ Monday 13th June
- ♦ Thursday 7th July.

All Coffee Mornings are 9.30-11.30am, we hope you are able to join us.



NEXT TERM'S TOPICS

Following the Easter break the children will be learning about the following topics...

All kinds of weather and Mini Beasts.



I am sure they will have a great time learning about these exciting topics!

HOLIDAY DATES

Nursery closes for Easter: Thurs 24th March

Nursery opens: Mon 11th April

May Day Bank Holiday: Mon 2nd May

Half Term: Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June.

Nursery closes for summer: Fri 15th July.



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

It is with much sadness that we say farewell to our Senior Teacher, Chloe. We wish her all the best for the future. She will be missed by the children and staff.



AND FINALLY.... We wish you a Happy Easter!!
Enjoy the break and let's hope the weather will be kind! Nursery opens for the Summer Term on Monday 11th April.

