

NEWSLETTER



SKETCHLEY HILL MENPHYS NURSERY

JULY 2016

Well here we are at the end of another school year....how fast the time has gone by. This is always a sad time for the staff as we say 'Goodbye' to those children (and their families) who are leaving us to go on to 'Big' School. We wish them lots of success, but will miss them all terribly. Before we know where we are the new children will be starting and we will be as busy as ever.

In the meantime here's an update on what has been happening in Nursery.

OFSTED VIST

Ofsted came to inspect the Nursery on the 23rd of May and the Nursery was awarded OUTSTANDING!!!! Thank you to those who supported the Nursery during the inspection process, your support was greatly appreciated. If you missed the picture in the Hinckley Times it is available on Twitter @ [Hinckley Times](#).

EVENTS HELD IN NURSERY


The children and staff have had a very hectic final few weeks of term and have been having lots of fun in the process!

Lads/Dads Afternoon - A fabulous time was had by all the children and their male relatives, who were able to join us in Nursery, for this 'boy' themed afternoon. There was football, skittles, den making, the 'mud' kitchen and the swings and trampoline for all to enjoy - everybody had lots of fun!



Toddle Waddle - This was a very busy, but fun, day for all. The local playgroup came and joined in the Toddle Waddle, which was held on the school field in aid of the 'Meningitis Now' charity. Parents and staff made donations and together we raised an incredible **£60.85!**



 In the afternoon the children then had a Street Party, as part of the Nursery's celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday. The staff all wore red, white and blue and the children enjoyed lots of themed activities.

Animals for Parties - Thank you to those of you who bought your child in, or came and joined your child to visit the animals. What an amazing experience this was for the children, not sure all the staff enjoyed it though! Thank you to the Friends of Menphys for funding this day.



FUNDRAISING FOR THE NURSERY

Big thanks to the Malt N' Rock band for organising a great fundraising evening, held at the Burbage Constitutional Club. They raised an amazing £638.00 for the Friends of Menphys!! Kev Knight, the organiser and drummer, has been a long standing supporter of the Nursery and we are extremely grateful for the efforts he has made on behalf of the Nursery. Kev says that this was the band's final performance.....let's hope they decide to come out of retirement at some point in the future!



Thanks also to Smokin' Joe Records for raising £275.00 at their fantastic fund raiser – the Nursery really appreciate the time and effort that people put into raising money for the children.

PLAYGROUP VISITS

Bev Haines, our Outreach Worker, has had a very busy, but lovely, term visiting the Nursery children at their other settings/playgroups. Bev provides support for the child and the staff, at the child's other setting to ensure things run smoothly. If your child attends another setting and you would like Bev to visit them there, then please contact Nursery and have a chat with her.



HOLIDAY DATES—2016-17

Please see below the school holiday dates for the new school year - 2016-17.



AUTUMN TERM

Nursery opens: Tues 30th August.

October Half Term: Mon 17th — Fri 21st Oct.

Nursery closes: Fri 16th December



SPRING TERM

Nursery opens: Thursday 5th January

February Half Term: Mon 13th to Fri 17th Feb

Nursery closes: Fri 7th April



SUMMER TERM

Nursery opens: Mon 24th April

May Day Bank Holiday: Mon 1st May

Half Term: Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June

Nursery closes (Summer Holiday): Fri 14th July.



A big Happy Birthday to Sebastian, Axel, Alfie, Nahla, Ella, Dominic, Samuel, Lauren, Junior, Summer, Alfie and Ava, who are all celebrating their birthdays in July and August. We hope you have a lovely fun filled day!

Congratulations also to those staff who are celebrating an extra special birthday over the summer.....you know who you are!



DINNER MONEY

After the summer holiday the price for a school lunch will increase to £2.05. Please send you child's dinner money into Nursery in a named envelope, cheques can be sent and should be made payable to 'LCC', not the Nursery. You can pay daily, weekly or by half term , which ever you prefer. The office staff can calculate an amount for you, if required.....just ask!



FAMILY STAY & PLAY MORNINGS

Please see the dates for next year. These usually have a 'learning theme' and are lots of the fun for the children whilst giving parents time to chat to other parents, carers and staff.

Thursday 29th September

Wednesday 26th October

Thursday 1st December

Monday 9th January

Tuesday 21st February

Wednesday 3rd May

Wednesday 5th July

All sessions are from 9.30-11.30am.

We hope you are able to join us.



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SERVICE – COFFEE DATES

The Outreach Service will be holding Coffee Mornings and Afternoons at the following times:

Coffee Mornings:

Friday 30th September

Wednesday 26th October

Friday 18th November

These will be held at the Watson Room, The Menphys Centre, Wigston. LE18 2FR.

From 9.30-11am.

Coffee Afternoons:

Thursday 22nd September

Thursday 27th October

Thursday 24th November

These will be held at the Higham Way Baptist Church, Higham Way, Burbage, Leics. LE10 2PX.

From 1-2.30pm

TOPIC FOR NEXT TERM

The first topic after the Summer break will be

'Ourselves'
followed by
Harvest festival.



SWIMMING

Groups of children take it in turns to go swimming at either Burbage Junior School

(Tuesdays) or Dorothy Goodman School

(Wednesdays). Your child will bring home a permission letter when it is their turn to go!



AND FINALLY.....

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break. Good luck to those children who are moving on to a new School, please keep us up to date with their progress. We like to have a display of the children in their new School uniforms, so please send a photograph of your child, looking all grown up, into Nursery.

Have a relaxing break, let's hope the sun shines!! The Nursery will open again for the start of the new school year on Tuesday 30th August at 9.15am. We will see you then!

