



Bourton -on-the-Water Day Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 2018

On Tuesday this week the children really enjoyed the visit from the fire engine. The fire lady told us a story and we met buttons the Monkey. All the children sat and listened so nicely.

Exploring the Fire engine was great fun, we tried on hats and found the blue lights. The Fireman even put the sirens on for us – It was VERY loud but the children were so brave, no tears just happy faces all round!



I hope you have all had the chance to see the photos on the front door!

New Menu

We have been busy putting together the new menus for the colder months. These will be in place from next week, there will be a display in the front hall so you can see every morning what your little one will be having for lunch/tea.

A copy of these menus will be available from this display if you would like to take them home and a photo also posted on our Facebook page for reference.

Charity Day

It may seem a little way away but this year we will be holding our Christmas charity day on Saturday 1st December.

More details will follow.

We held our first charity day the first year we were open and it was a successful day enjoyed by all that came along so we have decided to make this an annual event!



Staff news

As I am sure you are all aware Vicky will be leaving us soon to begin her new journey as a Mummy herself, we are all so excited to meet her little man in November but will be sad to say our goodbyes in just a few weeks. Vicky's last day with us will be Friday 5th October.

I am sure Vicky will pop in and see us from time to time, she will be missed although we hope to see her back after maternity leave – watch this space....

I am sure you will all join us in saying good luck and congratulations!

There will be another new face around the nursery. Andy is joining us from Churchdown Nursery. Andy will be taking over the running of Churchdown, he has experience within the catering and office side of the nursery already and is joining us to get some experience within the rooms, whilst with us he is undertaking his Level 3 early years training.

Hazel has known Andy for 9 years and has worked alongside him for 6 years when at Churchdown, I am sure he will be an asset to the team!

Paige has joined the Tigger team doing mornings only at the moment, she will be extending her hours when required

Keep a look out on facebook for 'meet the team' posts!

Cleaners

We are looking for a new cleaning company to take over the cleaning of the nursery. We are looking for someone to do Monday-Thursday evenings and deep cleans at a weekend, preferably a company to avoid being let down last minute due to illness etc. If anyone has any recommendations, please let Hazel know.

New Doors

A big thank you to all of you for your understanding during our recent works, we have been replacing all doors within the nursery. Although the old ones were fire doors (I didn't like them), we felt it would be nice to change them over to a more modern style with the glazed panels – perfect for peeping!!

It has been a long 2 weeks but we are finally done (ok, a tiny bit left to do tomorrow morning) and I do think it looks good. All part of the plan to keep making improvements around the nursery, making it a pleasant environment for staff, families and children.

The new doors are all fitted with finger traps and slow closers, so little fingers are safe, however they are quite heavy to push open, over time I have been reassured this will ease

a little, we do need to remember they are fire doors for a reason and will keep us all safe if they ever needed too.

Chicken Pox

As I am sure you are all aware we have been struck by chicken pox. The 1st time in 2 1/2 years! Chicken pox is a common childhood illness and luckily something that most children only get once.

A huge thank you to all the parents for your support in keeping poorly children away from Nursery until they are clear to return. Hopefully we will see the back of this soon and will have lots of healthy children back at nursery.

For more info on chicken pox –

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Availability

We now have spaces in all rooms, if you know anyone that is looking for childcare please pass on our details

FUNDING

Don't forget we accept the government funding for 2 and 3 year olds, if you think you may be eligible for the 2 year funding please speak to your health visitor.

For those of you claiming the 3 year old funding – Are you eligible for the 30 hours?

Check on the childcare choices website

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>



By now, I think most of you are registered and have logged into Tapestry, as a setting we LOVE using Tapestry, it is easy to use and time saving from the staff point of view. We have also found that we are able to track the children's progress in a much easier way, therefore we feel, much more effectively.

We aim to add to your child's Tapestry account every week so please keep checking. We love to see comments from home and a BIG thank you to those of you that have added to Tapestry yourselves, its lovely to share and celebrate these occasions with your child and their friends. Please keep these coming!

If you are not already using Tapestry please see Hazel who will help get this sorted for you.

