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# Nursery News JULY 2022

**Our Telephone Number—01827 794164**

## Message from the Head of Federation

Dear All

I really cannot believe we have started the first day of July today. Please do have a look at the learning focus pages the team have sent with the newsletter to capture the learning that is taking place throughout nursery. I hope the fortnightly, learning focus emails I am sending are giving you an opportunity to feel connected to all the wonderful things that are happening each day in Nursery.

I cannot thank you all enough for supporting us with our sponsorship challenge. The children have been talking about it all week! I will inform you next week of the grand total we have raised, and the nursery team will share with you what resources we have bought for nursery with the money.

This time of year, always brings us sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to our school leavers. As they start to visit their new schools – we are talking about their experiences with them. On Monday, we held a transition tea party and invited all the reception teachers in to talk to staff about your children. I know that our team will be enjoying every second of the next three weeks that we have left with our leavers before we say goodbye. As you know our door is always, open – so it never is a real goodbye!

I wanted to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the support you have given us with the sad news I shared regarding Barbara this week. Your words have meant a great deal to us. Thank you for starting a parent and child collection for Barb – your care and kindness demonstrates such a strong sense of our nursery family – thank you. If you would like to email me a message to send to Barb on admin1000@welearn365.com. I am putting all the messages of support into a book for her. I saw Barb and her family on Monday and sent love from all.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Take Care,

Nicci

## **50 Things to Do App**

The 50 Things To Do app features activities to support the different stages of development for children from birth until they are five years old.

For more information, click on the link below:

[https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2746/download-the-app-help-your-child-to-thrive-50-things-to-do-before-you-are-five-](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2746/download-the-app-help-your-child-to-thrive-50-things-to-do-before-you-are-five)

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th July 2022	Warwickshire Shuffle Up Day
Thursday 21st July 2022	Leavers Celebration
Thursday 21st July 2022	Break up for Summer holidays

Teacher Training Days  
2022/2023  
Monday 5th September 2022  
Tuesday 6th September 2022  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023  
Friday 26th May 2023  
Monday 12th June 2023

*School uniform can be ordered by following this link.— <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/>*

### Keeping Everyone Safe - Some reminders:

- Please close all gates and doors behind you. This is to keep all of our children safe.
- Please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside Nursery. If the fire engine needs to attend an emergency to save a life and your car is in the way, they will move it by whatever means available!
- Please let us know, by phoning the Nursery if someone else will be collecting your child. Remember, we will not let your child go with someone we don't know or haven't been told is collecting your child. Passwords must be used.
- Please Do NOT park on the grass verge outside of the nursery school. This area is a public walking right of way. Thank you for looking after all our children and families in our community by not parking in this area.
- Could we please ask that mobile phones are not used outside the nursery gate so that family leaders can talk to you on the handover should they need to. Thank you.

### Some reminders:

- At nursery, we encourage the children to eat healthy snacks such as milk, water, fruit and vegetables. We would like to do the same at lunch time, on our website under newsletters is a poster with suggestions of healthy lunch options to give you some extra ideas of the kind of things you can send in for children, which can include a small treat such as a biscuit bar.
- Please can we ask that children only bring a small named plastic bag with spare clothes and their packed lunch. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.
- Please do not bring any toys from home into nursery.
- As the weather is getting warmer, please can you put sun cream on your child before coming into nursery. For children that stay all day, please send in a named factor 50+ sun cream bottle into nursery.
- The snack collection trolleys are fully in operation now - please do drop your child's contribution of fruit into the trolley that will be positioned at the gate on their arrival. Thank you!
- If any families are needing to store prams in the pram store they can now do so.

Please do let us know if your child is going to be absent from Nursery School - whether it is because of illness, family circumstances or holiday. Call **01827 794164** and leave an absence message or tell the reception staff.

Regular school attendance is important for the children to make relationships and learn. However, young children do become poorly, especially at this time of year, so please keep them at home if they are unwell. Thank you very much to everyone for co-operating in letting us know when your child can not attend. We are very grateful for the phone calls and messages. Remember—with vomiting sickness and diarrhoea please give a clear 48 hours before sending your child back to nursery. Thank you.



### Important contact details

**Atherstone Nursery School:**

**Telephone No: 01827 794 164**

**Email: admin1000@welearn365.com**

**Website: [www.atherstonenurseryschool.com](http://www.atherstonenurseryschool.com)**

**IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS: THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE AND RADIO STATIONS WILL BROADCAST SCHOOL CLOSURES: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)**

## BUTTERFLY NURSERY NEWS

It is so hard to believe we are already at the start of July, with only 3 weeks to go before the holidays - where has this year gone? As always, we have been very busy learning and this term, in the last couple of weeks in Butterfly Nursery, we have been learning about the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, which has inspired us to look at seeds and what they need to grow, to retell the story using puppets and small world characters, to make our own beanstalks with paint, crayons, malleable materials and natural materials. We have been experimenting with different types of movement and how this might help us to climb a beanstalk. The cumulation to our learning was our Jack and the Beanstalk obstacle course, which the children loved taking part in and all managed to safely escape from the giant! We have been overwhelmed by your generosity in sending in sponsorship money for your children and will be able to by some fabulous equipment to support the children with their physical skills going forwards.

### **Sun Safety**

Next week, we are looking at Sun Safety - we are encouraging the children to think about keeping themselves safe in the sun, and will be doing more work about being in the shade, drinking plenty, wearing hats and using sun cream. Please continue to put on sun cream before your child comes to nursery, and if your child stays for lunch, please send in a named bottle of sun cream so that we can re-apply it at lunch time. Also, send in a hat and try to ensure your child is wearing something like a tee-shirt that covers their upper back and shoulders as these areas are very vulnerable to burning.

Please ask your child about what they are learning and tell them about the things you know about sun safety too - they love to share that information with you.

### **OPAL**

On Monday 4th July, we will be holding OPAL Phone Conversations with parents of Butterfly children whose Birthdays were in December or June. Appointments have been sent out, and your child's Key Person will call you at the designated time. Appointment times will be sent out next week for OPAL Phone Conversations for children whose birthdays were in January or February, or will be in July or August. These will take place during the last week of term.

### **Leaver's Celebration**

We look forward to welcoming parents/caregivers of the children who will be leaving us in July to our Leaver's Celebrations which will be at 11.00a.m., or 2.00p.m. dependent on what session your child attends. Emails are being sent out to confirm the times for you. It will be so nice to be able to do this on site this year, for the first time since the start of the pandemic.

### **Road Safety**

Please talk to the children about being safe near the road outside nursery. Earlier this week, one of the children ran ahead of their parent/caregiver and didn't stop at the kerb, as another of our parents was driving along. They were quite shaken up at the thought of what could have happened, so please be aware of how far ahead of you your children are when they are near the road.

### **Summer Holidays**

We break up for the Summer Holidays on 21st July, and will welcome our returning children back again on 12th September, and the children transitioning from Caterpillar to Butterfly on 13th September.

September for induction. We wish you all a safe and happy summer and send our best wishes for the future to our leaving children as they continue their learning journey in school in September.

Kind Regards, from Sharon and the Butterfly Team

## LOCAL WELFARE SCHEME

The council's Local Welfare Scheme continues to help residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help and can provide financial support and advice for people in crisis who need support to access food and utilities. The scheme also signposts to further support available from other public, community and voluntary services around the county.

Details are below...

**Contacts: Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme , 01926 359182 or 0800 408 1448**  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

**For information about wider support from the council and other services, go to: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship)**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Caterpillar Nursery have had a very fun filled June! During the first week we celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee, with lovely 'tea party style' snack times. Together we shared marmalade sandwiches, just like the Queen did with Paddington Bear!

We have had some fabulous weather! This has really sparked an interest and lots of conversations about holidays and days out to the seaside! We created our own little beach in one of the tough trays in the garden. We added a small amount of sand to the water with beautiful shells, pebbles and small sea creatures to explore. In the larger sand pit close by, the children have enjoyed learning how to make sandcastles using all kinds of small containers and spoons.

More recently we have been sharing a story called 'Jaspers beanstalk' the children are amazed that a huge bean stalk grew from just one tiny bean! We plan to explore the compost, pots and seeds more over the next few weeks. We hope to grow our own beans and some cress seeds too. Hopefully the children can bring them home for you to grow together over the summer break.

We have been lucky enough to have more new friends joining us over the last few weeks. The children have begun to develop some lovely close friendships within the group. It has been lovely to see them showing each other such kindness and a warm welcome.

#### Reminders

Drinks at nursery

We encourage the children to drink plenty, especially during the warm weather. We always have filtered water available, for the children to access freely and fresh milk served at snack-time.

We try not to encourage too much squash because of the sugar content and we would ask you please not to bring squash in a bottle with a teat. This is because of guidance around tooth decay.

The children are doing really well at using cups with lids. They are even pouring their own milk and managing to drink from cups without lids too!  
Thank you for your support.

With best wishes, from the Caterpillar team

#### **Nursery Fund Contribution**

**Nursery contributions from families help us provide additional resources and activities that are not covered in the budget. It also tops up the snack items each week to ensure there is enough for all. All donations are appreciated.**



Our account details are:  
Account No: 38951760

**Nursery  
Fund  
donations so  
far: £95.20**

Parents/Carers, please remember the  
Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

-that you have all read and agreed to during induction

Please be **kind, respectful** and **polite** to staff at the gates.

Staff are following new **Government Protocol** and guidance from **Public Health England** to keep your children and staff as safe as we possibly can throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic.

- There will be times when we have to ask questions.
- There will be times when we ask you to wait whilst asking for guidance from Senior Leaders.
  - There will be times when we need a second opinion as the guidance changes daily.
  - Please be patient. This is for everyone's safety.

**Thank you** for helping us- you **really make a difference in keeping our nursery community safe.**

