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Newsletter

The summer term is well and truly upon us and we can hope for some good settled weather! As always we will be making full use of the garden so please could you make sure you pack spare clothes and sun hats/coats! All eventualities as always, this is England and the great British weather of course!

There is a very useful document for parents/carers on the foundation year's website called **What to Expect When?** It is guidance to your child's learning and development in the early year's foundation stage. It is well worth a look. [www.foundationyears.org.uk](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk)

If you have a child leaving us to start school in September, please could you let us have your child's leaving date if you haven't already done so, along with the school they will be attending. Thank you.

If your child is about to turn 2 or 3 and will be using the early years free entitlement in September please could you advise us if you would like to change/increase your child's sessions to use this free entitlement.

All 3 year olds are entitled to 11 hours free per week all year round; or 15 hours free per week term time only. Working parents may now be entitled to an additional 15/11 hours per week. For this you need to apply yourselves, we cannot do this for you. You can check using the Childcare Choices website.

If you receive a Golden Ticket informing you that your child is eligible for the 2 year funding please let us know as soon as possible as September is beginning to fill up already.

For the children that will be leaving us in September to go to school, we will be having a Pre-School leavers party on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Just a reminder that we have another bank holiday at the end of the month; Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, which we will be closed, this is also the start of half term, for one week for those children doing term time only. We are also closed for our summer holiday 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July for a week .

For the Pre-School we are looking at People Who Help Us. So far we have had a visit from the dentist, the children have been looking at healthy choices of food and drink and how to brush their teeth. The children have also been making road signs, doing finger prints and looking at our differences and making police badges. So as always a very action packed month.

The babies and toddlers will be looking at Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. We will be looking at stories and doing lots of sensory play, today the children are exploring A Goldie Locks and the Three Bears Tuff Tray activity.

Thank you to those parents that upload their own observations and photos onto Tapestry. One of my children who is an early talker, really enjoyed sharing his family holiday photo's with me that his Mum had very kindly uploaded. It's a great way of opening up communication and getting the children to recall past events. If you haven't yet had a go please do your children benefit so much from it. If you need any help to do it please ask as we are always happy to help.

Finally a plea from us all. PLEASE can we ask you to label your child's belongings, this includes shoes, comforters and clothing. We spend too much time trying to reunite children with their belongings at the end of the session. Can we also ask you not to bring your child's own toys to nursery as these get lost and then the children get upset when we can't find them at home time. Thank you.