

Dear Families,



Spring has truly sprung and it's lovely to feel the warmer days. The children have been exploring outside and noticing changes within the environment which is provoking many bug hunts, planting and trips out around the grounds.

May is a very 'eggciting' month as on May 14th we will have a very special delivery of 6 eggs, which the children will be able to observe and watch them hatch.....I wonder what they will hatch into? I am hoping for dinosaurs! This will provoke children's learning about life cycles and changes around us. If you have any frog spawn that you would like to share with us so we can learn about their life cycle, please let me know as we have the a small tank for it.

On May 15th we turn 19! We will be having an exciting visit from Longdown Mobile Farm to celebrate our Birthday.

As the weather is starting to get warmer, please bring in plenty of spare clothing for your child as there is likely to be lots of water play. Please could we also ask that shoes are suitable for outdoor play. And remember to provide us with named sun cream and sunhat so that your child can get out and about and enjoy the sunshine safely. Many thanks for your help regarding this.

Please can I remind you that you mustn't let other people in the main door (even if you do recognise them) so we can keep in line with our safety of the Nursery and who is in the building. Sometimes the front door decides not to shut properly, depending which way the wind blows, so please listen out for the click shut as you walk out. Thank you.

Kay our lovely Cook of 11 years has decided to take a break and enjoy some time with her family. We wish Kay all the best and we are pleased to welcome Richard, our new Chef, who will start in May.

If you are looking to increase your sessions in September, please let me know so that I can let you know what availability we have to offer you.

Warm regards
Maryanne Strickland
Nursery Manager

Starting School

Now we have heard the exciting news about which Schools the Kindergarten children will be going to in September. The Team will be thinking about the Transition process for the children. We will be inviting the Teachers to come into the Nursery to spend some time with the children in an environment they are comfortable and confident in. Each School is different and some may not visit us here. Most schools, however, hold open events in the Summer Term which you will be able to attend, so keep an eye on your School's website for any upcoming events.

Dates for your Diary

- 14th May: **eggs arrive**
- 15th May: **our 19th Birthday**
- 3rd June: **Group photos**
- 16th July: **Open Evening**
- 6th August **Kindergarten Graduation and Cream Tea**

Babies

This last month the Babies have enjoyed exploring our Easter/Spring interest tray. They have enjoyed putting the eggs both in and out of the Easter baskets. We have also enjoyed going on Spring walks and exploring seasonal coloured table top painting. The children have also been investigating our outdoor environment, in the garden, paddocks and walks down the lane. We have also enjoyed going on an Easter picture hunt together too.



Toddlers

The Toddler children have been interested in Spring which has provoked planting and talking about the season that is changing around them. They have enjoyed going on walks in the environment to look at signs of Spring. This has also lead the children onto Easter, making lovely Easter cards and going on an egg hunt which was very 'eggciting'. Rosie has joined the Toddler room now who is settling in well and getting to know the children. The children are really bonding with Rosie, and we are also looking forward to Jessica starting with us.



Transition

In April, Transition have been focusing on the Spring season and Easter. The children engaged in planting their own flower seeds in the tyres in the garden, doing observational drawing of flowers, making origami tulips and going on a Spring walk up the lane to explore season changes. Transition have also enjoyed exploring Easter, they especially enjoyed the Easter Song Basket, in particular the song "5 Shiny Eggs". Additionally, Transition have explored paper laying on eggs, origami Easter bunnies, going on an Easter Egg hunt, and egg threading. This month we will extend this and focus on life cycles.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been celebrating Spring and Easter. They engaged in observational drawings of flowers, going on Spring walks and matching Spring animals. Kindergarten have used Easter stencils to create pictures and have designed their own Easter shapes. The children have been exploring the outdoor environment using the magnifying glasses to look at signs of Spring and watering the flowers for them to grow. The children used chalk to draw rabbits and eggs with numbers in to create an egg hop scotch using the balls and hoops to complete the games. Kindergarten have made Easter egg nest cakes by helping to mix ingredients. During May, we will continue to focus on Spring and looking at life cycles.

