



The Orchard Nursery

Updates and Reminders



FOR THE DIARY:

- May half term – W/b 30th May
- Queens Platinum Jubilee bank holiday – Thursday 2nd June – Nursery Closed.
- May bank holiday – Friday 3rd June – Nursery closed
- The Orchards Big Jubilee Afternoon Picnic – Wednesday 1st June 3.30pm-4.30pm on the field
- **Parents meetings – Face to face**
Pre-school – Monday 23rd May 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 25th May 6pm-7pm
Baby and pear room – Mon 13th June 6pm-7pm
Wed 15th June 6pm-7pm
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Parents Meetings

We are offering face to face parent meeting appointments with your child's key person to discuss how your child is developing and progressing at nursery. This will also be a perfect opportunity to see inside the nursery as we are aware that many of our parents haven't been inside for a long time.

The appointment times will be 5 minute slots and you will be able to book an appointment time with your child's key person from **Monday 16th May 2022.**

**Apple room – Monday 23rd May 6pm-7pm or
Wednesday 25th May 6pm-7pm**

If your child is leaving to go to school in September 2022 please book an appointment with your child's key person on the above date. At this meeting we will discuss the school transition form that will be handed to their allocated school and teacher.

**Baby room and pears – Monday 13th June 6pm-7pm or
Wednesday 15th June 6pm-7pm**

If you are unable to make the appointment times above please see your child's keyperson to arrange a suitable time at pick up to have a quick chat to discuss development.

The Orchards Big Jubilee Afternoon Picnic

We are having an afternoon picnic and games on the field to celebrate the Queens Jubilee.

Wednesday 1st June at 3.30pm till 4.30pm

- Parents to bring a blanket and an afternoon picnic tea to sit and enjoy with their child and other families.
- We will serve tea, coffee and scones with jam and cream.
- Children are welcome to dress up as kings, queens, princes and princesses. We have some dressing up items you can borrow, just let us know.
- The celebration takes place during half term, but all children are welcome along with their parents.
- If your child is at nursery on this day parents can join us on the field or the children will be with the staff.



Sun Cream and Hats

We will provide all children with sun cream every time the children play outside on days when the UV sun levels are high.

Please let us know if you wish to provide your own sun cream (only if your child has an allergy). This will need to always stay at nursery and be clearly named.

Every child will also need a sun hat, again clearly named and this will also need to remain at nursery.



FUN DAY

This year's Fun Day will be taking place on **Saturday 13th August 2022 11.30am-2.30pm** on Christ the King playing fields behind the nursery.

We will be having a BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Tombola, Raffle, and lots of games and activities. Any donations from your work place of raffle or tombola prizes would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Emma or Jo.

On the same day at 2pm the children going to school in September will be performing their "Leaver's Song". After performing their song the leavers will be awarded a certificate.

All money raised will go towards toys and resources for the nursery. More information to follow shortly.



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Office Refurbishment

Over the last few weeks, we have had our office refurbished. We have changed the location of the door and made a hatch where the window is. We are so pleased with the outcome. It's given us much more room and connected the office staff to the nursery much more!



School Leavers Only - Graduation photo's

Deborah Hurst (our photographer) will be attending nursery on **Tuesday 14th June** to carry out a school leavers photo of your child. This will be a group class photo and individual photo.

If your child does not attend nursery on Tuesday 14th June, and you would like them to be in the photo please bring them to nursery for **9.15am**. Please just send us an email to confirm your attendance, so we know how many children are coming. The children will be photographed as a group to begin with, and then individual photos will be taken in a cap and gown.

Please make sure you arrive promptly for the group photo. There may be a wait of up to 20 minutes for the individual photos. As soon as your child's photo has been taken, we will bring them to you, and you are free to go.

Parents will be asked to wait outside the nursery by the blue bike shed, please ring the doorbell, and the children can enter the nursery as normal. We will take your child to the field to have their photo taken.

There is no obligation to purchase the photo. 10% of the proceeds go to the nursery.

Squiggle whilst you wiggle

This term we have introduced a new programme called Squiggle 'Whilst you Wiggle'. Both the pear room and apple room will be taking part on different days.

Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle is an early writing program created by Shonette Bason-Wood.

Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle incorporates dance, music and large movements to help children develop the fine muscle control they need for writing. They will learn a new gross motor movement to a piece of music while holding 'Flipper Flappers' (bits of fabric) while dancing along to the music.

The children then transfer these movements to floor level and swap their flipper flappers for writing tools (crayons/pens etc) to make marks, this could be in foam, on paper, with chalk etc.

These sessions are great fun but most importantly help your child to be confident mark makers. Take a look at the video link below to find out more

[Squiggle whilst you Wiggle Video](#)

