

Little Cuckoos Newsletter

April/May 2019

At Little Cuckoos we recognise that every child is unique. We nurture and support all children to be confident, sociable and eager to learn and reach their full potential through play in a natural peaceful environment.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th April

Children returned to Cuckoos

Saturday 11th May

Spring Clean at Cuckoos from 12.30pm

Friday 21st June (TBC)

Annual school trip (details to follow)

Wednesday 26th June

Parents evening for school leavers from 6pm

Monday 1st July

Sports Day at 1.30pm

(postponed until July 3 on account of bad weather. More details to come)

Welcome to our Cuckoos family

Hello and a warm welcome to Emilia, Dougal, Seth, Emily, George, Ezra and Jack who join Cuckoos this term. We hope you settle in well and enjoy your time with us. We also welcome two new additions to our families: congratulations to Elaine who had Ava, and Christina who had Max!

Help wanted! Cuckoos Spring Clean

Calling all Parents, Grandparents and Carers, Little Cuckoos is having a spring clean on Saturday, May 11 from 12.30pm and we need your help. If you can spare tools and a couple of hours please join us. We will be tidying, sanding, painting, hammering and cleaning. This is an adult-only event and any help will be greatly appreciated. Please see our sign-up sheet in reception.

Our beautiful bee and butterfly garden

Andrea has been overseeing our latest project to create two charming bee and butterfly gardens. Children prepared the soil and dug out the weeds and we asked if families could help by providing a plant to add to the beds. **Thank you**, we have had a wonderful response. If you would still like to get involved please make sure your child's name is placed on the plant so they can plant it themselves and nurture it. This project will see children learning about bees and butterflies this term with lots of exciting activities inside and out.

- ***Please can you provide your child with a biscuit tin lid to help us create a mini garden at Cuckoos. Thank you Rory Wilkins for this lovely idea!***



April babies included **Anastasia** on the 2nd and **Finley** on the 19th who both turned 4 and **Dulcie** celebrated her 3rd birthday on the 26th. **Henry** will be 4 on the 18th of May.



Important change to signing in at drop off

When you drop your child off please read the sign in sheet carefully as there are two additional columns. We need to know if sun cream has been applied and if Paracetamol has been given to your child prior to coming to Cuckoos. It is also imperative you include the dose and time given in this column.

Seaside and holidays...

The next theme children will be exploring at Cuckoos is the seaside and holidays. If families go to the beach we would like it if you could bring back and into Cuckoos items related to the theme such as driftwood, pebbles and shells or maybe send a postcard if on holiday. Thank you in advance.

Cuckoos parking

Please remember to park away from the hedge and pathway during drop off and pick up so families have a safe route in.

Smarties tubes

Children received tubes of Smarties chocolates and we asked them to keep it and fill up with 20p pieces. Please bring your tubes back to Cuckoos if you have finished collecting. If your child did not receive one, or you would like another, please ask Hayley.

😊 Fruity Fridays

To promote healthy eating we ask children to bring in a piece of fruit on Fridays to be shared at snack time. Please ensure that fruit such as grapes and strawberries are halved down the middle.

Reminders and other business

- Please send your child in to Cuckoos with a suitable coat despite what the weather may look like in the morning.
- Ensure children have a pair of named wellies and indoor shoes, and changes of clothing to be left at Cuckoos.
- Children should bring in a named snack for mid-morning.
- Thank you for the shredded paper! The children have been using it for lots of activities such as creating sheep.