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## Staffing Update

We have welcomed some new members of staff over the last few weeks; Nicola and Mandy have joined us as Lunchtime Assistants in Apple Tree and Cherry Tree.

Cara has joined us as a Casual Nurture Assistant mainly working in The Orchard.

Priya will also be joining us as a full time Nurture Assistant in The Orchard from next week.

I am sure you will all join me in welcoming them to Blagdon.

# **Coronation Picnic - Friday 5th May**

We are all looking forward to our family picnic to celebrate the King's Coronation. The times for the morning/30 hour children are 11.00-12.00 and for the afternoon children 2.45-3.45. Children are welcome to wear **RED**, **BLUE** and/or **WHITE** to celebrate.

Please bring a packed lunch for your child and yourself; you might also like to bring a blanket to sit on. Please be reminded that you are responsible for your child during the picnic. Staff will be around to support where possible. We ask that only immediate family attend, e.g. parents/carers & younger siblings.

### **Teacher Strike Action**

We would like to thank you for your support with the strike action that has taken place in the last few months; it is not a decision taken lightly and we know that it causes disruption for you as families. Thank you again for your understanding and support.

#### Remember

We go outside in ALL weathers so please can you make sure you send your child in with suitable clothing such as welly boots when it is wet or a warm coat when it is cold. We do have some spares but not very many.

Please also be aware that due to the nature of Nursery life children may well get dirty, for example playing outside or painting. Please make sure children have spare clothes. Many Thanks

## Whitley carnival - Sunday 11th June

Whitley Carnival will be taking place on Sunday 11th June from midday. There will be parade through the streets of Whitley. We will be having some workshops at nursery with MERL to create Pole Heads to wave at the parade and we would love as many families to come along to join in. You can express your interest at this link https://whitleycarnival.co.uk/join-thecarnival/ (copy & paste) Once you have asked to join the parade they will let you know the closest starting point to you.

# **Dates for your diary**

1st May	BANK HOLIDAY
8th May	BANK HOLIDAY for the
-	King's Coronation
25th May	Last day of Term 5
26th May	INSET day Nursery
	closed to ALL children
HALF TERM	
5th June	First day of Term 6
21st July	Last day of Term 6

### **Up coming events**

2nd May - "Fred in the Shed" performance. All of the children will be watching this performance

23rd May - "Rumble Under the Rug" performance from Reading REP