



Newsletter April 2023



Welcome back after the Easter bank holiday, I hope you have all had a lovely long weekend.

Staffing update:

I would like to welcome Debs to the team, she started with us on 28th March. Debs will be based in the Inventors room.

Shauni has now gone on to Maternity leave to prepare for her new arrival soon - We are all very excited to meet the new baby.



Paula has taken on the role of Deputy Nursery Manager to cover Shauni's maternity leave.

We will be sad to be saying Goodbye to Pat on 13th June, she is going to retire to enjoy the summer sunshine and lots of Campervan holidays.

New session times & updated fee's:

This week we have begun our new morning and afternoon session times, you should have all received an email with the new timings and updated fee's list. Please do check your "junk" email boxes as sometimes our emails do appear in there.

Doorbells:

We will be adding two new doorbells to the top of the ramp area, one for Discoverers and one for Explorers. This will ensure the correct room staff greet you at the doors and to stop disturbances to the Inventors children.

Focus children and Tapestry observations:

We would like to thank everyone who has been and continues to engage on Tapestry, we have seen some lovely posts from Parents and Carers of you Easter activities and home learning.

Tapestry is our main communication tool to keep all Parents and Carers up to date with what is happening. If you need any support please do ask a member of staff.

Parent and Carer stay and play sessions:

This term we had our "Mums and Scones" stay and play session, this was a lovely session which was very well attended and we received so much verbal positive feedback on the day.

Next term we have "Grandparents - sharing a story" stay and play session - more information is available on Tapestry.

Diary dates:

Diary dates for the next term are below, the full diary dates can also be found on our nursery website. Reminder dates and times are always subject to change.

Term 5 15 th April - 24 th May		
Monday	15 th April	CLOSED Whole Nursery School training day
Monday	22 nd Apr	Stay & Play for Grandparents Sharing a story together
Tuesday	23 rd April	St George's Day
Monday	6 th May	CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Monday	27 th May	CLOSED - Bank Holiday
	28 th May - 31 st May	School holiday for term time only children

School transitions:

For those of you with children due to start school in September 2023, Emails and letters offering places will be sent out on 16 April 2024, emails should be received by 5pm. Letters are posted 2nd class and may take up to 5 working days to arrive. You must accept your child's place by **1st May 2024**. You can use this link <http://ow.ly/OzF450Eq7O8>. Further information about school transitions can also be found here.

If you are having any difficulties, information can be found the school admissions team can also be contacted on 0118 937 3777 (option 1) or you can also email admissions@brighterfuturesforchildren.org. Please inform us if for any reason you have not accepted your allocated School place.

Fundraising:

We have spent the last of our Fundraising money this term on some new items for the room and garden areas. We have some new footballs, torches, hula hoops, animals, puppets, skipping ropes and more.



Over the next term we will be looking at some ideas to top up our fundraising money pot, we do also have an Amazon wish list for the nursery to help to replace broken toys and toys which we think the children would enjoy.

Please see the link: <https://amzn.eu/2lvHaG1>

Hatching Ducklings:

This year instead of our usual hatching chicks we had hatching Ducklings. I'm sure lots of you have hear all about them or have seen photos on Tapestry. I have added a couple below. The children have loved every minute of watching them arrive to hatching to the Ducklings growing, being able to hold them and watching them swim in their paddling pool. Even the children who were a little unsure of the Ducklings, eventually started to hold them or stroke them. We love being able to offer this experience to you children ... most of the staff became very attached to the Ducklings too.



Snack donations:

I would like to thank everyone who continues to provide us with fresh fruit and vegetable donations for the children's snacks.

Any donations big or small can be given to your child's key person when dropping off and collecting your children.



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