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Inn Farm Private Day Nursery Newsletter



New Rooms- Our new nursery layout is now complete, with the children all being in their new rooms. Your child's key person should have introduced themselves to you. If you are unsure of who your child's key person is please can you let me know.

Sensory/Group Time Room- We are currently turning our old baby room into a calm sensory room, where we can take small groups, or individual children, to participate in communication and Language activities and quiet activities on a daily basis. This will be especially benefit to children who are easily distracted

Staff news- Laura has returned for maternity leave and is working in Bumblebees. It is lovely to see her back. She has lots of ideas in store, so watch this space!

Two Year Old Developmental Review- Please can you let your child's key person, or Joanne know when your child is given an appointment for their 2 year check. If you live in Bedfordshire, the health visitor will arrange for an integrated review at nursery with yourselves and the key person, when your child is 3. If you live outside of Bedfordshire, your child's appointment will take place in your health clinic around the age of 2.5 years. We are required to write a report on your child's progress and it would be really helpful to have some notice of this appointment, so it can be prepared in time to take with you.

Appropriate clothing- With the changing weather, please can you ensure you send appropriate clothing/outerwear ready for the day. Indoor shoes/slippers need to be worn in all rooms. Wellies are required for outside. Please can you name all items of footwear as well as any hats, scarves and gloves.

Accidents prior to arrival- If your child comes into nursery with an injury which was sustained outside of nursery, please can you let a member of staff know when you arrive, so the appropriate form can be filled in and signed by yourself. Likewise if we notice an injury that has not been sustained at nursery, you will be asked to fill a form in, explaining how it happened, when picking up your child. This is an Ofsted requirement.

Safety- Please remember to shut the gate as you approach and leave the nursery and pre-school buildings. Also a kind reminder not to open the door to other parents. Thank you.

Session times- Please can I remind you that your child's session starts at either 7.30am, 8am or 9am. Staffing is arranged accordingly to meet Ofsted requirements. Please can I ask you not to bring your child in earlier than their start time, so we are able to adhere to the correct ratios. If you need to upgrade you day, please can you let Joanne know in advance, so the staffing can be altered. Thank you

Parent Questionnaires- You will shortly be emailed a parent questionnaire. I would be very grateful if you could fill it in and return it. Your view and suggestions are important to us.

Macmillan Coffee Morning- FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER- We are holding another Macmillan coffee morning event this year. Cakes will be on sale in each building, so we can raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause. More details to follow.

Ladybirds

We'd like to welcome all of our babies, new and current, to our new baby room. We're looking forward to sharing all the fun activities we've planned for the next two months. We have a lot more room to develop physical skills and will encourage crawling and walking accordingly.

We will closely follow the babies' interests and provide related resources to support their next steps in development. If your baby shows a particular interest at home, please share that information with us, so we can help to develop the interest further at nursery.

As we leave summer behind us, we will be exploring Autumn with a variety of sensory activities using natural resources from our environment. We will be experimenting with leaf and pinecone printing and trying new foods such as pumpkin. We also look forward to going out for walks to see and visit the animals!

We will be celebrating Halloween with lots of messy activities such as pumpkin play and mark making with orange paint.

We will continue to develop the babies' language with lots of singing, books and games. We would really love you to bring in some family photos to help us make a family book to share with the children.

Our songs of the term will be 'Incy Wincy Spider' and 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'.

Emily and Lorraine, Rebecca, Sallie & Julia H

Bumblebees

Well, what a busy time of transition we have had this term! We would like to welcome our new Bumblebees: Gabriel, Jessica, Lola, Olive, George, Fox and Alma and look forward to being part of their journey at Inn Farm! All of the children have coped well with the changes and excitedly await our new adventures together.

We have had a fantastic summer, enjoying lots of ice play and paddling in the little pool! We have also enjoyed sampling new fruits and baking lots of treats. We will continue to incorporate lots of baking and exploration with a variety of foods. Over the next term we will be focussing on a 'my family' theme. We would love you to bring us some family photos. The children are gaining a lot from the new photos and are loving talking about their loved ones and family pets to their friends and key workers. We shall be looking at self-portraits, making playdough faces, baking pizza faces and reading stories about different families.

We will also be continuing to explore maths, introducing numbers by singing songs such as 5 little ducks and 5 current buns and using our puppets and props. We will be developing literacy skills through mark making and reading lots of stories. The children have shown a particular interest in the 'That's not my...' books, exploring the different textures.

We are looking forward to exploring the changing seasons and will be exploring Autumn over the next two months too. We shall experiment with Autumn colours, go on nature walks, and sing lots of songs, including Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. We also look forward to finding out about upcoming events and celebrations, including Diwali and Halloween.

The bumblebee children have loved exploring our new sensory room, reading stories in the den, relaxing on the calming, soft beanbags, and watching the fish float around in the sensory tube! To support your child's learning at home, you could make your own sensory bottles by filling empty water bottles with rice, pasta or dried beans and securing the lid with tape. They can use their shakers to explore sounds and you can join in by singing songs!

Connie, Jess, Mona, Bev and Laura

Fees

Fees need to be cleared from the nursery account by 1st of the month or a £2.50 daily late charge is applied.

Fees can be paid by cash, vouchers or direct transfer. Those wishing to pay using childcare vouchers or to claim tax credits our OFSTED number is EY373261.

Dragonflies

We are now one big pre-school class and we are lucky to have two pre-school rooms to explore. We welcome several new children from Bumblebees and a few new faces too - Ida, Thomas, Rupert, Penny, Liv, Xavier and Henry.

Last term us Butterflies (now the older Dragonflies) enjoyed a wonderful summer. We enjoyed our holiday topic, especially flying to Magaluf on an aeroplane and going camping in our tent. Another highlight of our summer was learning about Pirates and our fabulous pirate party! We were amazed that the 'Salty Dog's' pirate crew sent us a special pirate letter and a treasure chest full of real treasure! Over the last few weeks of August we also enjoyed making new friends with the Bumblebees and being able to 'free flow' between the 2 rooms, exploring the different areas that have been created for us to enjoy and learn in.

At the moment we are focussing on getting to know each other; learning our names through a variety of songs and using group time to learn new things about each other. We are all getting used to new toys and activities on offer and the children from Bumblebees are particularly enjoying the pre-school garden, especially as it's full of growth in our allotment. They are enjoying eating the cucumbers and tomatoes at tea time! We are also enjoying visiting the horses and sheep- thank you to Scarlett's parents who brought in some carrots from their garden so we could feed them; we were excited to learn that sheep like to eat carrots too! Recently we brought a new tank for Shelly (our giant snail!), she is enjoying her bigger tank, and we like getting her out on the table so we can get a closer look at what she looks like and how she moves.

Over the next few weeks we will start choosing topics based upon their interests; let's wait and see what they choose! During this time we will also carry out a range of autumn activities as we observe the amazing changes that are occurring outside. Activities will include nature hunts, leaf printing and learning songs such as "Autumn Leaves are Falling Down". We also look forward to celebrating Harvest Festival, Halloween and Diwali; we look forward to dressing up, learning new songs and dances, and hopefully making some lovely food treats for us to enjoy- perhaps you will get a bite too!

We continue to enjoy lots of singing and start every day with our Mr Tumble Hello song and 'Hello... and how are you today?' We look forward to teaching them lots of new songs based on their chosen topics.

Throughout the year we will be working on our early phonics skills, encouraging children to listen to and identify a range of sounds, and learning letter sounds through singing.

Just a reminder, please remember to name all of your child's uniform and bring in a named water bottle.

Rosie, Charlotte, Julie, Julia P, Linda, Daria and Rachel

Your views and comments are greatly appreciated and we would be grateful if you would share them with us either verbally or through our comments and suggestion box located in reception, alternatively please email kate@innfarmdaynursery.co.uk