



May 2019

Dear Parents and Families,

Spring is definitely upon us! We hope all the children enjoyed meeting our little chicks that were born on Easter Sunday! The caterpillars are now in their cocoons and will be ready in about 2 weeks! We have started growing some vegetables from seed which now seem to be growing. So far we have peas and tomatoes and with the addition of our allotment towards the end of May we hope to be growing a lot more very soon!



On the 7th April 2019 Sunnysocks Nursery turned 30! We are very proud of our family run nursery and would like to celebrate this achievement. On Saturday 1st June we will be opening the nursery to parents, children and grandparents to celebrate together.

Invites will be handed out this week if you can please inform a member of staff of how many people will be attending that would be greatly appreciated.

Cathy and Mark Turney

May Invoices

Following our letter to all parents last month regarding the changes to invoices we have changed the way in which you are invoicing to make it easier to set up a standing order. Invoices have been sent out by email. Please make sure you have saved us as a contact so your invoice doesn't go into your spam box.. We would like to politely remind you to ensure payments are within 7 days of receiving the invoice. If you have a question regarding your invoice please email brixworth@sunnysocks.co.uk

Sunnysocks Nursery is currently thriving with limited availability on sessions into 2020. If your child has turned 3 before September and you will be accessing funding from September 2019 please speak to Natalie if you wish to change or increase the sessions your child is doing.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. I am available any time for you to come and see me and share your thoughts or email me on brixworth@sunnysocks.co.uk.

Kind regards,
Natalie Smith, Nursery Leader

Contacts

Nursery Leader - Natalie Smith
Deputy Leader & Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mel Newbery
SENco - Chloe Thompson
Ofsted Registered person & Owner - Cathy Turney

Important Dates

Monday 6th May – Closed Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May – Closed Bank Holiday

Saturday 1st June – Nursery Birthday Party 10am- 1pm

**Wednesday 5th June 2019 –
Wednesday 10th July 2019 Tennis sessions @ 10am**

**Thursday 27th June 2019:
ABC Photography. Nursery Photos for all age groups.**

**Friday 7th June 2019:
Preschool Sports Day.**

Reminders

Please ensure that children have sunhats and suncream so they all can continue to enjoy the farm and garden.

Fees - Please remember fees are due by the end of the 1st week of the invoice month.

Children absence - Please remember to email us if your child is not attending any sessions, we are required to record absences.

NEWS

Allotment Project: We are well on our way with creating an allotment within the nursery garden. If you have any old plants pots or trays that you no longer require we would greatly appreciate them.

P.E Lessons for Preschool: Please remember to bring in some shorts and t shirt. This will hopefully encourage independence with getting dressed and undressed ready for big school!

Sun cream: As we now approaching summer can we please remind you to ensure your child has sun cream on at the start of the day and to bring in a labelled bottle of sun cream for your child. This bottle will need to be left at nursery so that we have access to it at all times. As there are many children with different allergies and sensitive skin we do not have spare sun cream at nursery. It is highly important that each child is provided with a bottle. We pride ourselves on being an outdoors nursery and although we will avoid the hottest part of the day and encourage children to play in shaded areas, they still require sun protection. For the benefit of new parents I have attached a copy of our Sun cream Policy to this newsletter.



Tapestry – You may have noticed that you can comment on Observations through Tapestry. We would like to encourage parents to add comments and share photos of your children's achievements at home.



Facebook - Please Like our Sunnysocks page on Facebook to see some of the fun things we do at nursery.



Sun Safety Policy

At Sunny Socks Nursery School we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will use the sunny weather as an opportunity to educate the children about how to keep themselves safe in the sun. Many activities carried out during the day mean that children are outside and therefore exposed to the sun.

Procedures:

The garden area has open areas and shaded areas. During hot, sunny weather additional areas of shade will be added to the garden with the use of a gazebo. Activities will be encouraged in the shaded areas of the garden and orchard.

We ask parents/carers to remember to provide their children with the following items:

1. A sun hat covering as much of the face and neck as possible.
2. Suitable footwear to enable children to move freely but safely when outside. Soles need to grip and be secure on the child's foot. No flip flops or similar sandals.
3. Clothing should be suitable for outdoor play and cover shoulders and backs.
4. Sun cream must be applied before the children arrive at nursery.
5. A named bottle of sun cream, at least SPF 30, to be kept at nursery during the summer months. **If parents do not provide sun cream then that child will not be able to go outside.**
6. All parents/carers will be asked to sign a consent form allowing nursery staff to apply sun cream to their child.

If permitted, Staff will apply the child's own sun cream again after lunch. If children are outside for extended periods of time the sun cream will be regularly reapplied.

Staff will:

- Ensure all children are adequately dressed and wearing a hat before going outside during the warmer weather.
- Apply sun cream to each child, washing hands between applications, after lunch and at regular intervals if outside for extended periods of time.
- Encourage children to play in the shade.
- Complete the sun cream application record each time sun cream is applied.