



Verwood Day Nursery

April 2018 Newsletter



Welcome to our April newsletter – a round up of what we've been up to.

News from the Nest

This month I'd like to welcome Jessica, Stanislaw, Woody, Joshua and Rosie to The Nest. All the children have settled in so well already and thoroughly enjoying their time with us.

Settling children in

Here at Verwood Day Nursery we try to make nursery feel like a home from home. When a new child joins us, no matter how old they are, we work hard to make them feel loved and secure.

Building those important and vital early attachments are our primary focus in the first few days and weeks. Adults are always there to provide loving, compassionate and emotionally available interactions that help to make a child feel secure and resilient and have the confidence to explore and interact.

When a child joins us, we spend our time settling them in and getting to know each other. Only when a child feels that security and has started to develop trust will they then have the confidence to go off and make the most of their environment, but usually with an adult close by.

Sleeping and eating becomes easier once a child has built those attachments and is a clear sign to practitioners that those children feel safe in their surroundings.



Textures

The baby and toddler room staff have continued to explore textures with the children during April, but this time it involved getting lovely and messy and wet.

We've had lots and lots of fun and lots of baths too!



Over the next few weeks staff will be introducing food textures to the children, encouraging them to try different flavours and explore a variety of foods using all their senses. This is a great way to help children overcome any fear of lumps of funny textures in their foods.

News from Apple and Plum rooms

This month I'd like to welcome Anthony, William and Jake to Apple room. All the children have settled in so well already and thoroughly enjoying their time with us.

Safety spies

During April we reintroduced safety spies to the children. Each day before we take the children outside we need to complete a risk assessment of the outdoor areas. Staff usually complete this by themselves, but to make the children more aware of risks, we now involve them in the process.



The Willow House

We have had a fantastic time exploring our new outdoor natural learning classroom. The 3 and 4 year olds have been out in small groups to explore the new resources and collect natural resources to complement their learning.

Please take time to go and have a look at The Willow House when you can. It is really rather special.



Collecting handfuls of creepy crawlies



Collecting sticks for our stick man pictures



Exploring natural resources



Counting and number recognition with acorns



Creating with natural resources

Progress summaries



Most of you will now have received notification that your children's spring term summary is now available to read on Tapestry.

For those children downstairs (who aren't going to school this year) staff will be available during the week of the 21st May, if you would like to discuss your child's summary.

For those parents of children aged under 2 years, staff will be available during the week of the 28th May if you would like to discuss the summary with your child's key person.

We operate an open door policy, so please feel free to ask to see a member of staff at any time.

Our school leaver's transition summaries will be shared with parents during June, before we pass them on to their schools.

If you are unable to access your child's summary, want to make an appointment to see your child's key person or have any other queries, please just let us know.

Welcome

I'd like to say a huge welcome to Becca who has joined the Apple room team as our early years apprentice.

Becca will undertake her apprenticeship here at Verwood and will remain with us once she has qualified. She is already proving to be an amazing, natural and confident person around all the children and we are so glad to have her here with us.



Coming up in May

- Outdoor Learning Day on the 17th May (fingers crossed for good weather!)
- Royal wedding tea party on Friday 18th May for our Friday attending children and their families (don't forget to RSVP if you haven't already)
- Week commencing the 25th May is National Children's gardening week.

Future events for 2018

Dates for your diaries

Parent's evenings – 21st May to 1st June

We will be offering 10 minute appointments with your Child's key person to chat about their progress and next steps.

Royal wedding celebrations – Friday 18th May

Parents will be invited to join their children for a celebration 'street party' tea

National Children's Gardening Week – 26th May to the 3rd June

Keep an eye out for opportunities for parents and relatives to come in and get their hands dirty in our vegetable garden.

Sports Day – Friday 20th July

The nursery will host its 5th sports day for all our 3 and 4 year olds on Friday 20th July.

Leavers party – Saturday 11th August

Our annual farewell party for all our 'big school' boys and girls

Photographer – September (date to be confirmed)

Our annual visit from Concept photography

Parents evenings – October (dates to be confirmed)

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Pumpkin competition – Wednesday 31st October

We will once again be hosting a pumpkin week with a pumpkin carving competition for children, parents and staff.

Children in Need – Friday 16th November

We will once again be showing our support for this charity by having a themed day

Christmas Fair – Saturday 8th December

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families

From Rachel and all the team at Verwood Day Nursery