

Welcome to all our new starters, including Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Cox who are now part of The Rivers team!

**Reminders: For obvious security reasons, please could we urge you not to let anyone else into nursery once you have been buzzed in. We know that this may feel impolite but it is highly important that staff only buzz in one person at a time. If someone does hold the door for you please decline and buzz the room yourself.**

Remember to bring your child’s water bottle each day with fresh water. Studies show that staying hydrated aids concentration, learning and development. Please also remember to bring slippers for indoor play and activities.

If you haven’t signed up to the parent zone or are unsure how to do so, please speak to our manager Mrs Lant. It is also important that you let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties so that we can try to rectify the problem.

Remember to check out our Facebook page for regular updates about what is happening in nursery.

Topics we are covering this term

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* – We will be reading the story and creating a story board display based on the book. We would love it if you could join in by making a caterpillar or butterfly to add to our display. We will also be playing number games, making a story sack and doing some food tasting.



 In relation to our possible aquarium trip, we will also be looking at the story *Hooray for Fish* and doing some ‘under the sea’ activities!

In June we will be reading *Princesses Love to Share* and will be focusing on good manners, particularly please and thank you.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Mother’s Day afternoon tea. We had a lovely time and hope that you did too!

To celebrate Father’s Day we will having a BBQ and games on Friday 17th June. Any male family member is welcome (1 per child). Further details and invitations to follow.

On Saturday 11th June we will be holding a ‘street party’ at nursery to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday and will be doing lots of related activities in the run up to this event. Again, further details will follow nearer the time.

We would like to plan a day out to the seaside and Blue Reef Aquarium in Tynemouth. A possible date that we are thinking of is Saturday 30th April and the price for 1 adult and 1 child would be approximately £16. This would include return coach fare, entry into the aquarium and a handling experience (starfish, sea urchins etc.) If the weather is nice we could also have a picnic on the beach. Please speak to a member of staff to let them know if this is something you would be interested in!

\*exact prices will depend on final numbers

FOSBNS News! Our sponsored Bunny Hop raised an amazing £859.00 for the children’s fund. This will go a long way to helping us buy some staging. A big thank you to Mrs Metcalf for organising the event and making fabulous bunny ears for the staff and children!

As the warmer weather is approaching, any gardening related items that you may wish to donate would be greatly appreciated. We would also appreciate any donations of small world figures or items.

Please be aware that for safeguarding reasons mobile phone use is not permitted anywhere within the nursery.

**Dates for your diary**

W/c 18th April – *Healthy Body, Happy Me -* A week of activities to promote health and well-being

23rd April – St. George’s day: Children are invited to wear red on Friday 22nd.

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday – Nursery closed unless there is enough demand

5th May – Children’s Day

8th-12th May – Invictus Games (children will be doing various sports activities at nursery)

27th May – last day of half-term for funded places

30th May – Bank Holiday – Nursery closed unless there is enough demand

6th June – start of final half term for funded places – return to nursery

End of term Wednesday 20th July returning Monday 5th September

*The Rivers*

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