



## News Letter

June 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### Our New Pre-School Building

We are very excited to announce our big plans for the Summer holidays! From the 18th July 2016, works will be carried out to convert the large outbuilding towards the front of the Manor (currently housing the Den and Clare's flat) into one huge Pre-School classroom with its own outdoor learning area and access to Forest School. The new classroom will, hopefully, be up and running in time for the start of the new academic year in September.

The current pre-school will then be made into a large room for the two year olds, making the current 2-3 room into a separate quiet area/sleeping area.

We will keep you informed with this process. The Den will now be in the Robin Room inside the main building. If you have any questions or like to know more details please don't hesitate to speak to Sophie.

### Twentieth Year Birthday Celebration

On the 3rd September 2016 Orchard Day Nursery will be 20 years old. To mark this occasion we are throwing a party and it is our intention if all goes to schedule, that we will combine the party celebration with the grand opening of the new Pre-School Unit. There will be more details but please keep a note of the date in your diary.

### Dressing for the weather

As you may have seen, we now have Orchard Day Nursery hats for the children.

This means that you are not required to pack a hat for your child as we will provide them.

Additionally, please remember to bring in a labelled suncream factor 30+ and we would ask that t-shirts cover shoulders and footwear is suitable eg, no strappy tops or flip flops, and

**please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.** Forest School sessions require long sleeved tops and trousers, thank you.

### New Uniform

We have now taken delivery of our new non-compulsory Summer uniform;

Summer dresses £5 each.

Cardigans £12 each

Polo Shirt £10 each

Jumper £12 each

Please speak to Sophie if you'd like to place an order.

### New members of staff

Over the next month we are welcoming two new members of staff to our team Asha and Colleen.

- Asha has lots of experience with children and has worked in a nursery on an American airbase, and also an English nursery setting. Asha is starting as a nursery assistant, working across the nursery until her three month probation period is complete. She is currently studying for her Level 3 Childcare Diploma, with the intention of further study at university in the future.
- Colleen is also studying her Level 3 Childcare Diploma at Banbury College and has spent the last few months on a work experience placement here and proved to be an excellent addition to the team, so much so we did not want to let her go. Colleen will be working during the school holidays and during the afternoons/evenings.

### **Transition to school and Graduation**

This term is an important one for children due to start Primary School in September and we are working with those schools closely to ensure their transition is a smooth and happy one. For those children moving up there will be a separate letter from Mrs Clarke informing you of how you can ensure your child is 'school ready' and with a few hints and tips for a smooth transition. However if you want any additional information or advice please do not hesitate to speak to her.

Our Pre-School graduation will take place on Thursday 14th July with more details to follow shortly.

### **Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)**

We are thinking about setting up a PTA for the nursery, to help with feedback, running events, fundraising and other projects. At this stage, we are putting the feelers out to see if anyone would be willing to get involved with the PTA, or even run it. This is a good way to find out a little more about your Nursery while getting to know the parents of your child's friends in a sociable way. Please pop Sophie an email if you are interested.

### **Dates for the Diary;**

- **Saturday 11th June;** Woodford Halse fete (come and visit us for fun in the tennis courts!)
- **Wednesday 22nd June;** St. Mary's Aston Le Walls Stay and Play 9:30-11am
- **Wednesday 29th June;** Tiddler and Other Terrific Tales, Warwick Arts Centre
- **Wednesday 6th July;** St. Mary's, Aston Le Walls, School Taster Session 9:15.11:45.
- **Thursday 7th July;** Camping Day and Camp fire for Pre-school.
- **Thursday 14th July;** Graduation
- **Friday 15th July;** Aston Le Walls Summer BBQ from 6pm
- **Saturday 16th July;** Summer BBQ for parents, children and families
- **Wednesday 20th July;** End of academic term
- **3rd September;** Orchard Day Nursery's 20th Birthday Party and Pre-School Unit opening ceremony
- **Monday 5th September;** Start of new academic year

Here's to a busy and fun filled term and as always, many thanks for all of your help and support.

**The team at Orchard Day Nursery**