

# What's the Hubbub?

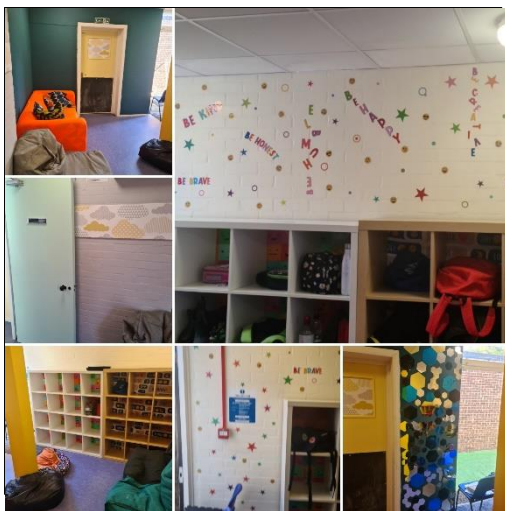
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Wow, what a term, it absolutely flew by! I can't believe we have made it to the summer holidays already and we have loads of fun stuff planned to keep everyone entertained.

This term the children have absolutely loved having access to the new expansion space that we provided. The garden area has been a massive hit allowing the children access to the outdoors no matter what the weather happens to be doing. The chill out room has also proved to be a popular space giving the children opportunity to seek refuge from the noise and chaos some adventures and play can create and allows for a safe and cosy area to rest up after a long day of learning and playing.



As the weather is now getting hotter as we transition over to the Holiday care our setting offers, we would ask that parents ensure they have provided sun cream, hats and a change of clothes. This will allow us the freedom to have plenty of water play to help us cool down throughout the day.



We are still on the look out for any old scooters or safety gear that your child may have grown out of, so if you have any spare, please consider donating them to us so that we can continue to enrich the children's outdoor experiences.

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

As COVID-19 restrictions are being eased and life is getting back to a new kind of normality, we are still ensuring the safety of welfare of all the children and their families within our setting. We are still requiring that masks be worn by both children and staff whilst travelling in cars, The bubble system is currently closed and we will be operating as one holiday bubble, but we will continue to monitor the cases in our area and assessing the preventative measures we may need to put back into place.

At collections, it is now optional for parents to wear masks whilst outside. However, if you are invited inside to wait for your child as they are eating or to have a chat with staff, we do still require masks to be worn indoors.

We are providing a hand gel at the entrance of the club and are asking all parents/carers to use this when entering the premises. We are also ensuring all our toys, equipment, tables etc. are cleaned with Milton or antibacterial cleaners in order to best prevent the spreading of

germs in that manner. The club's cleaning procedures are still being maintained. The club is deep cleaned weekly as well as our usual daily cleaning and sanitising procedures.

We are still asking families to follow advice and inform us if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive and also if there are any symptoms or cases within your household.

**STAFF:** We are sad to say goodbye to Hannah as she has now left us to undertake her master's degree in psychology. She was an amazing asset to our setting, and we are incredibly sad to see her go. We can however give a big welcome to our new playworker Michelle and collections staff member Selena. Michelle has spent the last 10 years running a successful childcare business but has now decided it is time for a change and we are privileged to have as a part of the team from September. Selena has come on as a volunteer to help with our after-school collections, she currently helps us cover illness or holidays and we are thankful to her for donating her time to our setting.



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**THEMES:** During the holidays we are going to be kicking things off by learning about dinosaurs, this is supported by the dinosaur workshop we are holding on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and we are looking forward to becoming mini palaeontologists for the day. We will then be focusing on wildlife especially birds of prey and taking a visit to a local birds of prey centre where we will be able to learn about prey, habitats and migration habits and finish up by handling some owls. The third week of the holidays sees us joining the circus and learning how to be clowns and entertainers, we will also look at animals that used to be a part of circuses and we will roleplay as our very own circus troop. During the fourth week, we are looking forward to being visited by Our Amazing Animal World. This is always a fun and enjoyable experience for children and adults alike, however this time we will be focusing on smaller animals and reptiles. Week five will see us going bug hunting along the alphabet trail of Wilderness Woods...I wonder what we will find. During week six we will be welcoming OAAW back to the setting, this time we are hoping to meet some of their more exotic animals so that we can learn about their natural habitats abroad.

We still have Summer Holiday availability. Be sure to book to ensure there is space for your child.

Throughout the holidays we will also be running on site sports skills workshops, science activities, craft days and home cinema experiences.

### Inset Days:

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> September

- St John's
- St Mark's
- Broadwater Down
- Temple Grove
- St James

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> September

- Broadwater Down