

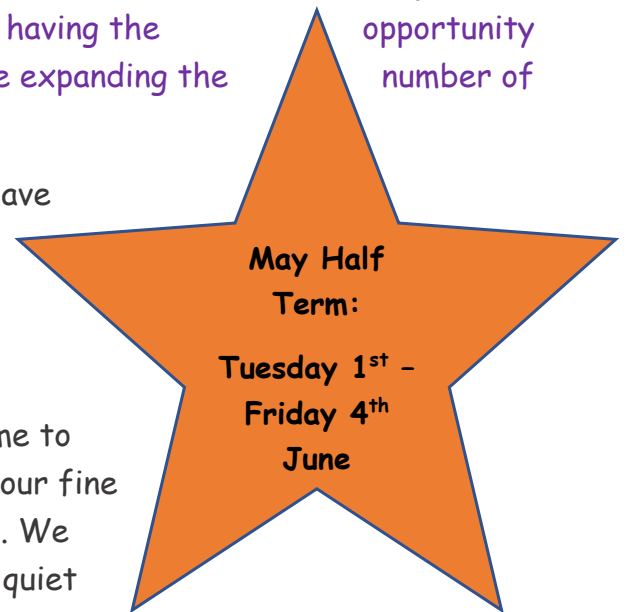
What's the Hubbub?

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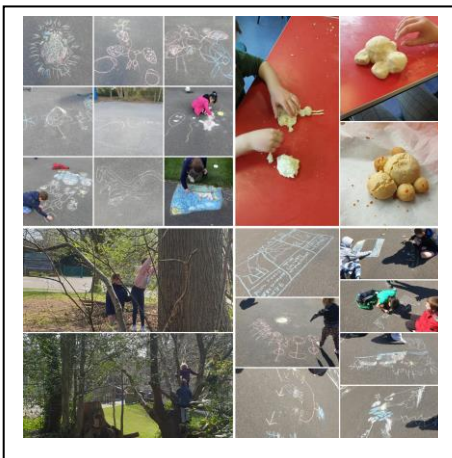
Apologies that we haven't been releasing newsletters recently. As I am sure you can appreciate last year was difficult with all the restrictions, lockdowns and home-schooling going on. We did have to step back from some of our admin work in order to focus on the key children within our care and also ourselves as a family.

We are really happy to be heading back to some kind of normality now and also be back to enjoying more time with all the children in our care, we also have lots of new faces joining us both after school and in the holidays. this has led to us having the opportunity to expand our interior room, which means we will also be expanding the number of spaces available for all sessions.

Over the last Term, especially the last few weeks, we have really enjoyed spending time outside in the sunshine. We have also invested in some new outdoor equipment which helps us make the use of our outdoor play and encourages the children to learn new skills, games and encourages exercise and social skills. We have taken time to bake, do crafts, talk about healthy eating and focus on our fine motor skills by playing with loom bands and Hama beads. We also have lots of new puzzle toys helping us with having quiet time within the setting and also promoting cognitive development.



The children do enjoy playing outside in all weather, so we encourage you to provide a spare change of clothes and wellies if possible, to allow them to do this. -we are happy to store named items of clothing in bags at club for these occasions.



We have been donated some scooters to aid our outdoor play experiences, but to make this a fun and fair activity we are on the lookout for some more. If you have any old scooters/helmets etc then we would be grateful for any donations that come our way to help support the children's learning and development and play whilst outdoors.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

As COVID-19 restrictions are being eased and life is getting back to some kind of familiar normality, we are still ensuring the safety of welfare of all the children and their families within our setting. we are still using the bubble system for all of our schools, pick up

procedures still require the use of all children and staff to wear masks/face coverings within the cars in order to safeguard everyone within a vehicle. The use of hand sanitisers and promotion of proper hand washing both at school collections and during the sessions is still high up on our priority list.

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 excited to have taken on a new member of collections staff. Her name is Hannah, and she is in charge of the St James' after school collections for the next few months, we are pleased to have her as a part of our team.

THEMES: During the next term we are going to be focusing on mindfulness and our families. We would appreciate any pictures of your families to be sent in - these can be emailed to Liz so that you do not lose any precious memories. We will then be adding to a display where children can tell us all about themselves and their families, allowing us to get to know everyone better and so all children can also get to know some of the children who are not within their current bubble. We will also be taking part in some mindfulness challenges and activities both individually and as groups. These will help us focus on children's mental health, wellbeing, and confidence through play, craft and conversation.

Inset Days:

Friday 28th May -

- St John's
- St Mark's
- Broadwater Down

Monday 7th June -

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

We will be offering full day childcare, if needed on these days as well as our normal after school collections.

Feedback - Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our parent satisfaction questionnaire. It is so lovely to see such positive feedback and happiness with the service we are providing you all with.

We are working our way through all the comments as they come in and look forward to addressing any changes you would like to see within our practices so that we can continue to improve and maintain high standards of service and care for all the families and children using our setting.

Half term and summer holiday dates are available through the booking system now. Be sure to book to ensure there is space for your child. Half term activities will be sent out shortly.