

May 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the May Newsletter. For all those parents and children who have recently joined us, a very warm welcome to the Gelston family 😊 To follow on from our April Newsletter we thought we'd use this opportunity to share some of the exciting changes that have been happening around nursery. This month we're sharing with you some amazing transformations in the first of our toddler rooms - Otters. Enjoy!



Important Updates!!!

The Curiosity Approach™

Further to our February Newsletter we're delighted to announce that we've "officially" enrolled on the Curiosity Approach accreditation.

The nursery will be working extremely hard over the next 12 months to achieve the accreditation and to fully embed the Curiosity Approach into our environment and the practitioner's knowledge! Exciting times ahead!!!

We're delighted to welcome a few new faces to the Gelston team.

Laura Scott - A very warm welcome to Laura. Laura joined us on 10th April and is working as a practitioner in Bunnies. Laura has a Level 3 in Childcare.

Fran Purdy - Fran will be joining us on Monday 30th April and will be the Room Supervisor in Otters. Fran is currently working towards a BA (Hons) in Childcare.

Rebecca Chapman - Rebecca will also be joining us on Monday 30th April and will be a Practitioner in Otters. Rebecca has a Level 3 in Childcare.

Three more highly qualified and experienced practitioners joining the team! Please make them all feel very welcome 😊



We're proud to announce that we've now adopted a new way of planning - Talking Tubs and Floorbooks. This is a child led approach to observation, documentation and planning. All the staff have received training from a government approved training provider and would be delighted to show you their work! Also, after a month of trialling "planning in the moment" we're pleased to report that we're

now getting to grips with this new way of thinking. You might have seen that the staff are now next stepping children within their observations, which is indicated as (np) on Tapestry. Please feel free to speak with any member of staff for more information. Thank you.



A big thank you to all those that attended the School leavers information evening. We've been so encouraged by the feedback that we've decided to roll it out for future classes. Congratulations to all the Owls staff for delivering such an informative evening - Great work!

From w/c Monday 14th May the Owls children will be having their graduation photographs taken. More details to follow...



Messages from management...

- ❖ **Fees** - Please can all parents ensure fees are paid by the 1st of each month. We understand government/childcare voucher payments are made at different times throughout the month and might not always reach us on time.
- ❖ **Parental Questionnaire/Parent Involvement Letter** - Further to our recent notifications please could parents complete and return the parental questionnaires and parent involvement letters as soon as possible. We value your feedback!
- ❖ **Medication** - When emailing across consent for medication please can you ensure that you clearly state your child's name, the name of the medication and the dosage. Without this information we can't administer the medication.
- ❖ **Gates**
 - Barn Gate - With immediate effect please can ALL parents refrain from using the "barn" gate to enter/exit the rear garden. Signs have been placed on the gate as a reminder and the gate will be padlocked at all times.
 - Side Gate - When entering the garden via the side gate please can ALL parents wait at the gate until a member of staff allows entry.



This is a polite reminder that Nursery will be closed on Monday 7th May (Early May Bank Holiday) and Monday 28th May (Spring Bank Holiday).

Thanks as always for your continued support 😊