



# Queensway Chapel Nursery

## April 2016

### Newsletter



## Welcome back to Nursery after the Easter break.

This term we will be welcoming Samantha Sharland in the 3-5's room—she will be covering Ayesha's maternity leave.

### Dates for your diary

- Thurs 14th April Bookstart evening for some 4 year olds 6:00 til 7:00 (invites will be sent out to those who are eligible)
- Fri 15th April Dave & Ewe mobile farm visiting in the afternoon
- Tues 19th April Rhyme time for 2 year old funded children 6:00 til 7:00 (invites will be sent out to those who are eligible)
- Mon 2nd May NURSERY CLOSED — bank holiday
- Tues 3rd May Dave & Ewe mobile farm visiting in the morning
- Fri 27th May Last day of term for term-time only children
- Mon 30th May NURSERY CLOSED - bank holiday
- Mon 6th June First day of term—Nursery open to everyone
- Tues 7th June Concept Photographers will be in from 11:00am til 4:45pm

### SPORT RELIEF

Thanks to everyone who helped us raise money for Sport Relief — we collected **£19.62.**

It is our policy at Queensway Chapel Nursery that we do not discuss nursery business outside of our nursery hours, Therefore, if parents have any questions about anything to do with nursery, could you please phone the Nursery directly, email us or check our website — please do not contact staff members on social media.(i.e. Facebook, twitter etc)  
Thank you

### Our Library

Just to remind you that we have some books & story sacks available in reception that you can take home and read with your child.

These items do need to be signed out & back in when you return them—they are on the table in front of the reception desk.

We would be grateful if you could write your thoughts on these book packs in one of the clouds that are in with the packs.

### IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

If you have had confirmation from Wiltshire Council of which school your child will be attending, can you please let us know as soon as possible.



Thank you

### Photographs

We are having Concept photography in again on Tuesday 7th June from 11:00 am til 4:45pm to take pictures of the children.

If your child does not attend on a Tuesday or if you would like a family photograph, please let us know and we will book you a time to come in.

### SUNCREAM

Now that the nicer weather is hopefully arriving, can you please ensure that your child is wearing suncream when they arrive at Nursery.  
Could you please also supply a bottle of suncream so that we can apply more throughout the day (please put your child's name on it).

## Caterpillars

"Shhh....sleeping bunnies" This term the babies will be doing lots of spring activities, including singing sleeping bunnies! Singing not only helps build bonds, it also develops communication skills. Non-verbal children can sign along with us and all the babies love clapping when we finish.



We would love to help you with the words and actions to some of our nursery songs, so let us know if you would like a copy.

## Owls



"Walking through the jungle....what can we see" Our toddlers love their animals, especially roaring like lions. We will be doing lots of animal activities this term. We will also be looking at what changes Spring brings to our outdoor environment—bugs, flowers, muddy puddles and more!! We are very excited about all the fun.

## Hedgehogs

We hope everyone has had a lovely couple of weeks off.

In the Hedgehogs this half term we are going to be looking at the changes in season from winter to spring. With all the new animals being born in this beautiful season and all the new plants appearing, we are going to be looking at growing and exploring all things around spring.



Show & Tell this term will be on the following days:-

- Tuesday 12th April—'What I did over half term'
- Thursday 21st April—'My favourite teddy'
- Monday 25th April—'My favourite story'
- Friday 6th May—'What I want to be when I grow up'
- Monday 9th May—'A drawn picture of my family'
- Wednesday 18th May—'My favourite animal'
- Tuesday 24th May—'My favourite film'

## This term's healthy recipe idea:-

### Spanish meatball & butterbean stew

Ingredients:-

350g lean pork mince, 2 tsp olive oil, 1 large red onion, 2 peppers sliced, 3 crushed garlic cloves, 1 tbsp paprika, 2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes, 400g can butter beans (drained), 2 tsp golden caster sugar, small bunch parsley

Method:—

Season the pork, working the seasoning in with your hands, then shape into small meatballs. Heat the oil in a large pan, add the meatballs and cook for 5 mins, until golden brown. Push to one side of the pan and add the onion and peppers. Cook for a further 5 mins, stirring now and then, until the veg has softened, then stir in the garlic and paprika. Stir everything around in the pan for 1 min, then add the tomatoes. Cover with a lid and simmer for 10 mins. Uncover, stir in the beans, the sugar and some seasoning, then simmer for a further 10 mins, uncovered. Just before serving, stir in the parsley.

## Nursery Policies

The following policies have been reviewed at the last Trustees meeting and are available to be read in reception:-

Behaviour Management;      Complaints Procedure;      Settling-in;      Special Needs