



Queensway Chapel Nursery April 2018 Newsletter



Welcome back to Nursery after the Easter break.

This term we are welcoming back Jenna Harrold to our team—she will be working 1:1 in the 3-5's room. Also we will sadly be saying goodbye to our Deputy Manager/SENCO Sharon Beal who will be moving on to pastures new.

Dates for your diary

Mon 16th April	First day of term—Nursery open to everyone
Mon 7th May	NURSERY CLOSED — bank holiday
Fri 25th May	Last day of term for term-time only children
Fri 25th May	Concept Photographers will be in from 11:00am til 4:30pm
Mon 28th May	NURSERY CLOSED - bank holiday
Mon 4th June	First day of term—Nursery open to everyone

Toys

We would appreciate it if you do not let your child bring their toys from home into Nursery. They do get upset when they can't find their own toys at the end of the day and our staff do not have the time to search the rooms looking for them. There will be specific days that the children can bring something in for 'Show & Tell' and you will be notified of these dates at the beginning of each term

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 Fri 25th May from 11:00 am til 4:30pm to take pictures of the children.

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



The government has introduced new ways to help parents with childcare costs.

Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information and help with childcare costs.

Footwear

If you are bringing your child into nursery wearing wellies, can you please ensure that they have a pair of shoes to change into for inside play as we do not want them wearing their wellies inside.

Thank you

SUN CREAM

Now that the nicer weather is hopefully arriving, can you please ensure that your child is wearing sun cream when they arrive at Nursery.

Could you please also supply a bottle of sun cream so that we can apply more throughout the day (please put your child's name on it).



School Holidays

Don't forget we are open during the school holidays so if you need childcare during the holidays please let us know as soon as possible—we can take them until they turn 8 years old.



Caterpillars

This term our caterpillars will be focussing on healthy eating. Our activities will consist of sticking, food tasting, cooking and the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

We will also be asking our parents to engage in a 'get creative' pack at home with their children.



Owls



This term the toddlers will be finding out about Spring—the birth of baby animals, how plants grow, and the start of warmer weather. We will be doing activities such as matching the baby animal to its parents, growing some small plants in our garden & learning how to protect us during sunny days (i.e. Sun hats & sun lotion).



Hedgehogs

This term we are going to be learning about Spring & exploring the life cycle of frogs as we have some frog spawn. We will also have caterpillars to look at, and the children will be helping to plant some flowers and be encouraged to look after them.

We will be continuing to explore super heroes with our home corner being the super heroes house, supporting the children's interest.

Focus numbers will be 5—10 in our maths area. Some children have been showing interest in 3d shapes, so we will support this with activities and home learning sheets for you to do at home with your child.

There will be lots of rhyming activities and learning the sounds of letters to support reading skills. Ruby Bear will be coming home with our story sheets and a dice to help children make up their own stories—the younger children will have picture cards to sequence a story by themselves.



This term's healthy recipe idea: -

Crispy bacon & sausage carbonara



Ingredients

400g penne, 4 sausages, 8 slices streaky bacon or pancetta, 1 onion finely chopped, 3 large egg yolks, 4 tbsp single cream, 85g parmesan finely grated, small bunch parsley finely chopped

Method

1. Cook the pasta following pack instructions. Meanwhile, squeeze the meat out of the sausage casings and, with damp or lightly oiled hands, roll into small-ish balls.
2. Heat a frying pan and cook the bacon or pancetta until really crispy. Remove and keep warm. Fry the sausageballs until golden and cooked through, remove and keep warm (a low oven is good for this). Cook the onion in the fat from the bacon and sausageballs (tip some out if you need to) until soft.
3. In a small bowl, mix the egg yolks, cream, most of the Parmesan and most of the parsley with lots of black pepper and a pinch of salt. Drain the pasta, reserving a ladle of water. Tip the pasta back into the pan, off the heat, and add the egg mix, onions and sausageballs. Mix well, adding some pasta water until you have a sauce that coats the pasta. Tip into bowls, scatter over the remaining parsley and Parmesan, and top with the bacon.