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Dear Parents/Carers

A quick note from Blue Room

Our new Area of learning is going to be 'On the Farm' and 'Growing'. It would be great if you could bring into (or email) Nursery photographs of your child as a baby, and in mummies tummy.

Spring/Summer Clothing

Please can you ensure your child has appropriate clothing such as wellies, hats, sun cream and coats especially for those expeditions to the Park or Forest.

Scotsdales

We would just like to extend our thanks again to Scotsdales for their generous donation of £20 which enabled us to purchase some compost and seeds to encourage our children to create their spring gardens. The seeds will also help us get started with planting and growing on our allotment. We also purchased some top soil for our mud kitchens where children can explore and be curious to support our outdoor learning.

For your information:

Scotsdales link is <https://scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk/event/> where you can find their events being held at the garden centre over the coming months.



Ofsted Inspection

As you are aware our Ofsted report is out and we are delighted with the outcome. We do have hard copies in nursery reception if you would like to have a read. Thank you again to everyone who took the time to complete the parent feedback form in reception, which we shared with our Inspector on the day.

Staff News

Just to remind you we have some changes with our staffing in the nursery that will take place in April. Emma D will be going on maternity leave at the end of April and Carla will be leaving us in June to go on maternity leave. Therefore, we have relocated some of our staff to ensure we maintain the high quality of care and learning across the nursery.

We welcome Krystina Milton to the nursery who is a Level 3 practitioner and will be working as a float member of staff in all rooms across the nursery on a temporary basis until September 2018. Please ensure you introduce yourself to Krystina and welcome her to the nursery.

Key worker changes will be notified to parents/carers on an individual basis so please be reassured that these changes will not affect the children's learning and staff are already familiar with the majority of children in all the classrooms.

Menus

We begin our Spring/Summer menu on the 3rd of April 2018. Copies have been emailed to Parents and there is a hard copy of each week on the Food for life notice board. A copy of the menu is also posted on our Facebook account.

Facebook

Just a reminder to all families that we have a closed Facebook group for parents/carers whose children currently attend the nursery. We post regular photographs of what is happening in nursery, together with photos although we do not put the children's names on these to protect the children's identity. So if you want to join us go to the Sawston Nursery page and put in your request. This is a good place to share ideas, ask questions and you may need some information about your child's stage of learning and development.

New Starters and Room Transitions

If your child has just started at the nursery or recently moved rooms, please do not hesitate to talk to the staff members in the new room about how he/she is settling and any concerns you may have. Remember each child has their own key person responsible for working with your child (together with a small group of other children) giving reassurance to feel safe and cared for and to build relationships with parents/carers. Therefore, please ensure you find out from the Room Leader which member of staff is working with your child.

We understand that parting with your child at nursery can be an anxious time for some parents so we are happy for you to call the nursery during the day where we can transfer you to your child's classroom and give you an update on their day. Just pick up the phone and call us on - 01223 472018 - we are happy to help. However, please can we ask you to try not to call between 12.00pm-2.00pm as the younger children are asleep and it is a very busy time during the lunch period for staff. If you call and receive no answer please leave us a message and we will ensure that someone returns your call.

Professional Day - Tuesday 28th August 2018

Nursery will be closed to children on this day. Parents whose children would normally attend this session will not be charged and the appropriate daily or session rate will be refunded on the August invoice. Staff will be undertaking training during the day and preparing their rooms for the new term in September.

Preschool Leavers 2018

Please inform us of your child's leaving date and which school they will be attending as soon as you find out. This enables us to plan moving dates for the next academic year group to move up to Purple Room, Room movements and new starters further down the Nursery.

Signing In/Out

Please can we ask that you collect your child at the time you have written you are collecting, and not after the time stated. We have to staff each room accordingly and need to know what our numbers are in each room. If you think you are going to be late, please can you give us a quick call to say you are running late, so that we can inform the staff in your child's room. Collecting your child earlier than expected is fine but please remember you will be charged for the full session.

Absent Children

If your child will not be attending nursery on their session days please can you let us know as soon as possible preferably before 9.30am. We can then inform the kitchen how many meals are required, also it supports the working out of our staffing ratios and finally, we do like to know if your child is unwell or maybe just spending a day at home with family.

Happy April Birthday to:

Ffion P, Elliot K, Rosie S, Bea J, Alexa J, Lilly B, Jessica VD, Oliver K,
Toby M, Olivia N, Harry SP

Welcome to:

Ottilie NM, Maddison W, Alexander L, Francisco AS

Happy April Birthday to our staff:

Sam S, Saaliha P, Neil M

Employee of the Month

Thank you for your nominations last month, we shall continue to recognise staff who have gone over and above their role at the Nursery. The winners over the year are as follows:

- **January 2018** -
- **February 2018** - Sam S & Shani W (Parents votes) for their enthusiasm and development of the Blue Room.
Millie W (Managers Vote) for stepping up and running the Pre-School in Michelle's absence.
Michelle W (Kitchen Vote) for supporting the kitchen staff and helping with the shopping.

Nominations for this month:

- **March 2018** - **Zoe A** was given the Managers award for her reliability and attendance at staff meetings even when she has a week's holiday from nursery.
- **Liz D** receives a special award from the Management team for her continued support in the Green Room.
- **Michelle W** - was awarded the parents vote for her professionalism and enthusiasm in the preschool.

If you wish to nominate a member of staff throughout the year for anything, which you feel, deserves this recognition, please feel free to e-mail us or speak to **Tina as we appreciate your feedback.**

Some Important Dates for your Diary 2018

Nursery Closed	Monday 2 nd April 2018 (Easter Monday)
Musical Bumps	Thursday 5 th April 2018
Spring Term begins	Monday 16 th April - Friday 25 th May 2018
St George's Day	Monday 23 rd April 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May 2018 (Nursery closed)
Parents Evening	Tuesday 8 th May 2018
Musical Bumps	Thursday 10 th May 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday 28 th May 2018 (Nursery closed)
Group/class Photographs	Friday 18 th May 2018 Time to be arranged
Half Term	Monday 28 th - Friday 1 st June 2018
Pre School Leavers Trip	Tuesday 12 th June 2018
Musical Bumps	Thursday 14 th June 2018
Musical Bumps	Thursday 12 th July 2018
Pre School Leavers Party and Graduation.	Friday 20 th July 2018



Musical Bumps
Training day

Thursday 9th August 2018
Tuesday 28th August Closed

(If your child attends nursery on 28th August, your fees will be reimbursed).

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents/carers, staff and Directors a very Happy Easter Holiday and we hope you enjoy your time with friends and family.

Best Wishes from Tina and the Sawston Team