
September 2021

Upcoming Events

September 24

Pirate day, please come dressed up if you wish.

October 11

Farmers Day, please come dressed up if you would like.

November 8

Little Urchins photographer.

More info to follow, please watch Tapestry.

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Welcome back and a welcome to all of our families both new and old.

We hope that you have enjoyed your summer and are ready for a new year at Queen Mary's Nursery.

There have been a few changes recently. These include myself, Frances Moolenschot, becoming the new Nursery Manager and Victoria Williams is now Deputy Manager. We would also like to welcome Jessica to our team who will be working in Squirrels as a qualified early years practitioner.

I hope that we can rely on your support whilst we settle into our new role.

We also have a new lady who is dealing with all the invoicing, her name is Debbie Cox and she can be contacted via Email on finance@aldershot-nurseries.com

On the 2nd September all of the staff went on Forest School training. This has reminded us all about the importance of outside play and also the benefits that this can give to the children. They learn how to risk take, use their imagination and develop an increase in attention, listening and speaking skills. During the summer last year we were very lucky to be able to raise over £1000 during a sponsored activity, we are going to be using this to develop our outside area and to create a dedicated Forest School area down the side of the garden.

If anyone is interested in reading about the benefits to children of outside play then Lauren, from Squirrels, has recently written her dissertation on this topic and is more than willing to share this.

Forest school can help children to develop:

Self-awareness.

Motivation.

Empathy.

Social skills.

Communication skills.

Independence.

Self-esteem and confidence.

Physical skills including the development of both gross and fine motor skills.

Can I remind you all that as outside play is very important for children's development, that all of the children are ready for whatever the British weather decides to throw at us. This would include named waterproofs and wellies as well



Brown Rabbits

The staff are pleased to say that our new babies have settled in very well. Please can we remind you to bring in some family photos so that they can be displayed within the room? This is very important for their development to begin to recognise familiar people.

Grey Rabbits

Kate would like to say that all her children have also settled very well with their new routines and new room. She would like some family photos so that they can be displayed in the room enabling the children to begin to talk about their familiar adults.

Hedgehogs

Charlie, Sham and Aimee would like to remind parents that now that the weather is becoming colder and wetter, that they will be going outside in all weathers and if you could make sure that the children have plenty of spare clothes, waterproofs and named wellies.

Squirrels

Tina, Angela, Lauren and Jessica would like to ask if you would be able to collect any pine cones and small sticks for their outside area. They would also like to say that as the weather is becoming more inclement, that could all the children please make sure that they have named waterproof and wellies in Nursery as they will be using the outside area in ALL weathers.

They would also like some photos of your families so the children can talk about who is important to them and retell events that have happened at home.

More Important News

Please note that for **Term Time only children** the October half term is for 1 week. Starting 25th October 21.

If your child attends during this period please remember that you will need to provide a healthy packed lunch which can be given to your child. We are unable to heat food, so if you are providing something like soup can it be in a thermos flask.