

The Lea Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

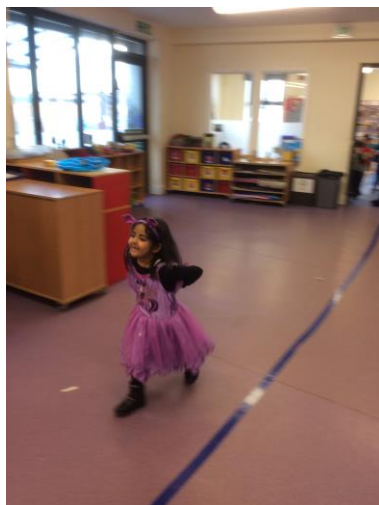
I'd like to start by wishing a warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined Lea Nursery this April. I hope your child is very happy in his/her time at Lea.

We've had a busy time since the last newsletter in March so this newsletter is jam packed with news of events and exciting learning experiences.



World Book Day

We celebrated a very successful World Book Day on the 8th of March. Thank you for dressing your child up and coming to watch our parades. Please remember the importance of reading with your child, and try to make time to do this daily.



Mums' in School Day

Thank you to all of the Mums who came in and spent time on our Mums' in School Day. We had a very good turnout of Mums, and the children loved having you here. Here are a few photographs of the day.



Chicks

At the end of last term we were all privileged to witness the hatching of chicks from eggs. All of the children had an opportunity to hold a chick. We had a wonderful two weeks of learning, with plenty of opportunities for children to show care and concern for the tiny baby chicks.



Bunny Hop & Fundraising for Sports Relief

We ended the term with a sponsored bunny hop, Easter egg hunt and cake sale. Thank you for all of those parents who helped to raise funds for Sports Relief. We raised £163.27 for this very good cause.



Story Groups

For many of our children this is the last term of Nursery. We would like to develop, accelerate and extend the learning of all children in this next term to ensure they are in the best possible place before starting Reception. To support with this we will shortly be starting a new system for story groups. Children will still have the same keyworker, but at the end of the session we will be grouping children together based on what they need most to support further learning. This might mean that you will collect your child from a different adult and a different group. We will try to keep the groups as consistent as possible so you always know where to find your child at collection time.

Library Days

Changing our system of story groups at the end of the session means we will need to change our system of library days. Children will continue using the library, however keyworkers will take them to the library during the session, rather than at the end of the session as we have done up to this point. So please collect your child from the classroom every day.

Please note that staff will no longer return library books for you, so please pop into the library and return them yourself.



Toys from Home

Please do not allow your child to bring toys (including sunglasses) from home into Nursery. Unfortunately toys from home often get lost and broken and this results in unnecessary tears. Please also ensure your child does not have toys in the bags they hang on their pegs.

School Places

If your child is due to start Reception in September you should have heard about a school place by now. If you have not then please speak to Chantal August at Reception. Please ensure you follow the procedure suggested to accept the school place. If you do not follow this procedure your child may lose the place.

Sports Day

Thank you for your understanding when we postponed the Sports Day due to rainy weather. We have now rescheduled it for **Friday 22 June**.

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to be able to offer a breakfast club at Lea Nursery from the 8th of May. Breakfast club will run from 8:00am- 8:35am. The number of places at breakfast club are limited and need to be pre-booked with Chantal August at Reception. This club is only available to children who are 3-4 years of age. There is a £3 a day charge for the service, unless your child is entitled to a 30 hour place and this time forms part of their 30 hours.

Parent Groups

We have had consistently good attendance at our parent groups in the last term. This term we have the following parent groups on offer:

- A four week program run by the Children's Centre Family Support Worker on aspects of parenting (particularly supporting children's behaviour.) The dates for this group are Thursday the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th of May between 9:00am and 11:00am. Please speak to Mrs Butt if you would like more information about this group.
- Wednesday 6th of June- Supporting children's independence. (This is the workshop to attend if your child is still in nappies and if your child still has a bottle or a dummy.)
- Wednesday 4th of July- Supporting children's literacy development.

Photographer

We have a photographer taking individual photographs of children on Thursday the 10th of May. Please dress your child accordingly on the day. If you would like a photograph of your child with his/her brothers or sisters please let staff know and this can be arranged at the beginning of the session.

Clothing

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather, this includes wearing sun cream and hats on sunny days. Please also ensure that your child wears shoes that are appropriate for running and climbing. Please try to label your child's clothing with his/her name.

New Children Visiting

We will be closed for all children on **Friday 25th of May** so that the children who will be starting with us in September of next year can visit. If you know of any families looking for a Nursery place please ask them to fill in an application form as soon as possible as we have already started offering places for September 2018. The application form is available from Reception and also on the school website.

Odd's Farm

The first group of children enjoyed a lovely warm day at Odd's Farm. Thank you to all of the parents who attended- children have spoken about the trip for days afterwards. We have another group going on the 1st of May. There are still spaces available so please see Chantal August at Reception if you would like to book.



Complaints

Thank you to all of the parents who give us such positive feedback on a regular basis. If you are ever unhappy about any aspect of your child's Nursery experience please do speak to your child's keyworker and if this does not resolve the issue then please come and speak to me. There is a copy of the 'Complaints Procedure' on the school website.

Term Dates

Summer 2018

Term starts on: Tuesday 17th April 2018

Term ends on: Friday 25th May 2018

May Holiday: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018

Term starts on: Monday 4th June 2018

Term ends on: Tuesday 24th July 2018

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 25 July 2018- Tuesday 4th September 2018

Autumn 2018

Term starts on: Wednesday 5th of September 2018 (for children who attended Lea Nursery in summer term 2018)

Reporting Absence

If your child is absent please report it in one of the following 3 ways:

- Phone the Nursery on **01753 536492**
- Text the Nursery on the following number **078 6003 4214**
- E-mail the Nursery using the address post@lea-nursery.slough.sch.uk

If your child is absent and you receive a text please either reply to this text, phone or e-mail to let us know why your child is away.