



## Activities News

Autumn term 2018



Here at Sunny Bright the summer of 2018 has been an emotional one, with a lot of the children from the 3-5 room and some from the 2-3 room leaving us to go to school. To celebrate their time here we had our annual Graduation leavers party and it was a great success!

The children and their parents along with the members of staff had a fabulous time and enjoyed the entertainment from Mr Dan!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a sad farewell and we wish your little ones the best of luck as they move on to their next big adventure!!



The 0-2 room have had lots of sensory fun over the summer, exploring jelly and animals, coloured spaghetti and even decorating a bed sheet with paint!



Here the children had a selection of different foods for them to explore, as well as tasting them!

We also had our very own Royal Wedding; with two of the children from the 3-5 room celebrating their friendship to one another we thought it was fitting to have a Sunny Bright Royal Wedding!

It was a beautiful outdoor ceremony and all of the children in the nursery were able to attend.

The 2-3 room have been exploring their creativity in different ways.



The members of staff provided the children with hanging bottles which were full of different coloured paint and were pierced at the bottom. The children explored the bottles by moving them and

squeezing them, watching as the paint squirted onto the paper to make marks.

### Macmillan Coffee & cakes fundraising day

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Macmillan Coffee afternoon and to those who kindly contributed by baking us some delicious buns and cakes to sell. We raised an amazing £146.00!!

### WOW Moments

Please document your child's WOW moments on the sheets that your child's key person will provide you and bring them back to us, as these sheets are used towards your child's development.

### High Scope DVD's

We would like to remind you that we have several HighScope DVD's, which are available for you to borrow if you want to. The DVD's give you an insight into the High Scope approach.

### Staff News



Staff Qualification News – Zoe and Ellanna have now completed their level 3 Early years Educator qualification and will now be counted in level 3 ratios.



Well done ladies!

Well done to Kirsty who graduated in May, completing her degree in Early Childhood studies. She will be starting her Early Years Initial Teaching Training (E.Y.I.T.T) at the end of September; we would like to take this opportunity to wish her the best of luck on the course!

Soon you will see a new face amongst us as we welcome Kelsie, who is completing her level 3 in childcare. She will be here on a Monday and Friday until summer 2019.

Other staff news, Megan will be leaving us on the 28<sup>th</sup> September to take on a role in a Fostering scheme. We would like to wish Megan the best of luck!

### Sensory Room Update

As you are aware over the past several months we have hosted different fundraising events to raise money for our soon to be completed sensory room. The converted garage now has a new roof and guttering along with a window to bring in light for the little ones, for when they are exploring! The inside is at the planning stage and will be starting very soon, we will keep you all updated!

## Construction Mural

The mural in the back garden is underway and will soon be completed. The theme of the mural is a construction site to tie in with the resources that we have there. Soon the children will be able to wear their hard hats and vests and build, build, build!!

## Rugby Tots

The book is now open on the Rugby Tots website to book your child onto Rugby Tots. The term starts Wednesday 5th September 9.15 am - 9.45 am and will run for 8 weeks. Please follow the link below to secure your child's place and if you could please confirm your child's place with us once you have booked. [www.rugbytots.co.uk/](http://www.rugbytots.co.uk/)

## Mini Kicks

The book is now open on the mini kicks website to book your child onto the Mini Kicks. The sessions are going to be on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9.15 am. Payment will be £15 p/m term time only. Children do not need to be attending that day to join in the session. Parents are more than welcome to bring them to just join in the session. To book your child onto these sessions please visit the Mini Kicks website. If you could please confirm your child's place with us once you have booked.

## Forthcoming Events

- Mini Kicks – Every Monday & Tuesday at 9:15am
- Rugby Tots – Every Wednesday at 9:15 for all 2-5 children (term time only)
- Phonics workshop – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 6:00pm
- Photo day – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 (all children can attend to have photos taken)
- Halloween Party – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 (for children that attend that day)
- Mr Dan Christmas party – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 3:45 – 5:45pm. (all children can attend with parents)
- Early Maths Workshop- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 6:00pm

## Term Dates

The Autumn Term will start on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Half term is **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

If you do require **extra** sessions for your child over this period we need at least one month's notice, to ensure your invoice is accurate.

## Local Offer

The local offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs (SEND) and their parents/carers. It explains to families about what they can expect from a variety of local agencies, including education, health and social care. Knowing what is out there gives these families more choice and therefore more control over what support is right for their children. For further information on how we support children with SEND, please go to the website - [www.doncasterchildrenandfamilies.info](http://www.doncasterchildrenandfamilies.info)

## Parents/Carers Forum Group

The parent/carers Forum for all those that don't know has now change to an online version. This is done through our face book page and is organised by the parent chairs. May we take this opportunity to introduce you to our Parent Chairs – Bethany and Jenna. We listened to our parents regarding lack of time for parent forum meetings and together came up with the idea of doing it online. It is a useful tool to give parents/carers the opportunity to raise questions, share opinions and suggestions for the good of the nursery.

## Our nursery philosophy

*High Scope is a way of working with children based on the idea that children learn best from active learning experiences which they plan and carry out themselves. In this way children learn that they are capable, able to make decisions and solve problems about activities which are personally meaningful to them.*

## Reminders

- It is very important that you make sure you **do not leave any medicines in your child's bag**. Please make sure that you pass medicines onto a member of staff for it to be signed in.
- Reminder – all medication needs to be prescribed other than paracetamol.
- Please could we remind everyone to ensure that all clothes and shoes are labelled clearly with your child's name on. Could we also ask that all children have a spare set of clothing in their bag and that if they go home in nursery clothes that they are returned to us so we can use them again.
- Can we please ask that children come in appropriate clothing and footwear, including coats, wellies for outdoor play.
- **May we remind you to be prompt in collecting your child at the end of their session**. We ask that parents/carers arrive five minutes before the end of your child's session, so staff can discuss your child's day. Late collections could mean that we are in danger of going out of ratio and our insurance only covers us between the hours of 8:00am – 6:00pm. Morning sessions finish at 1:00pm and afternoon sessions at 6:00pm. **Late collections will incur a £10 late charge for every 15 minutes or part of.**
- Please can we ask that all children bringing nappies and wipes on a daily basis always have at least 5 nappies a day in their bag. We have four nappy changing times throughout the day and then there is always one spare to allow for an extra change.
- Please can we remind you that we do not swap children's sessions as our staffing are calculated in advance on the number of children attending each day.
- Can we please remind everyone the **importance** of informing us if you have changed your contact details. This is for the safety and well - being of your child.
- We will soon be placing an order of children's Sunny Bright t-shirts; they are £7 and come in either red or blue. If you would like to place an order, please see a member of staff from the office.