

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter Break. What a lovely sunny week we have had with lots of fun activities inside and outside. Our theme this week has been 'On the Move' and our activities have been linked to cars and trains. Check out our social media pages to see the daily activities.

### Phonics

This week we started to introduce letter names and sounds at carpet time. Our letter of the week has been 's'. The children have practised making the sound ssssss, writing it in the air and fed the snake objects that started with the sound s. You can continue this at home by pointing out the letter s out and about, asking if objects start with the sound and practising to write the letter s. To make writing more interesting, try dusting some flour in a tray and invite your child to write the letter 's' with their finger.

### School Places

Our school leavers should have all received their school place by now. On our notice board is a sign up sheet to add your child's name to the school they will be attending in September. If your child's school is not listed, please add it. It helps us to know which school the children will be going to so we can talk about their new school, look at photos and encourage friendships.

### School Preparation

This term we start our school preparation sessions. These are in addition to the daily skills the children learn. To start off with the children talked about going to school, how they feel, recapping the value of independence and taking shoes off and putting them back on again. These sessions are not about learning letters and numbers, but important skills such as independence, confidence and self-care. Please find a helpful poster with ideas on how to prepare your children for starting school.

### Staffing

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff. Mary is one of our parents and has been working at our preschool Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Livia joins our team from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Monday – Friday for the rest of the Summer Term. Livia has nearly 30 years' experience of working with children as a Nanny and a Childminder and we can't wait for her to start next week.

### Extra-Curricular

We are excited to share that Little All Sports are continuing to run their workshop every other Tuesday and we have Mark from Elite Sporting Provision to run a football session each Friday afternoon 1:30pm-2:20pm.

### **Dates to Remember:**

#### Summer Term

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Tuesday 6th June - Thursday 20th July

Bank Holiday Monday 1st and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

INSET – Monday 5th June

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June – Farm Visit

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July – 12pm finish and Graduation Picnic

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### Invoices

Summer Term Invoices are due today (21<sup>st</sup> April). As per our Terms and Conditions, there is a £20 charge for payments received over 5 days after the payment date unless previously discussed.



### Value of the Month is: Responsibility

Choose an age-appropriate activity you know your child is capable of doing. Make it clear, specific and manageable, to give them a chance of succeeding and feeling proud. E.g. please put your puzzle in the box.