

# May 2019 Newsletter



## Notes from Sarah

April has brought us sunshine and showers. We do play out in all weathers so please make sure your child has a coat when it is showery and their own sun cream if they are allergic to the one that we provide.

The curtains and blinds will have been fitted and the extra sound absorbing panels have gone up in the downstairs area. These will make a great difference to the noise level in this area.

Now that the school places have been confirmed we are organising transition meetings with the various schools. We will be taking the children to Harlands School on Friday 17th May at 9.30am. If your child does not normally attend on this day you are welcome to meet us at Harlands at 9.30 and we will take your child in and then to meet us again at the school entrance at 10.30. Please ensure that we know in advance if you are planning to meet us there. This visit is in addition to visits that are arranged directly with parents and the school.

Please could you let us know of your child's last day at Preschool. This information is important to ensure that deposits are returned on the child's last day. If your child needs to attend preschool in September, then your fees will be based on a full day charge, as no funding will be available for school starters. Please inform me as soon as possible about September extra days to ensure availability.

### Staff news

We are pleased to welcome Chloe to the team. She joined us last week and is already settling in well. Chloe is an experienced and qualified Level 3 educator. We also have Anne Marie join us as permanent staff after working with us from the agency for the last few months. From next week, we will also have Marta join the team. She is an experienced and qualified Early Years teacher. All staff complete a three months induction training, and with regular team meetings and supervisions, we continually strive to ensure a strong team to support the children in their journey.

We would like to say congratulations to Emma. Not only is she getting married this month but she has also been promoted to room leader in the older toddler's room in the Nursery building. Emma will be moving to the Nursery after her honeymoon in June. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best for the future. Chloe and Marta will be taking on Emma's key children but Emma will be completing the school reports for all school starters.

### Parents' Evening

Parents evening will be on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June. Parents Evening provides an opportunity for you to speak with your child's key person regarding your child's progress at Elan. We will email your child's profile assessment approximately one week before the Parents Evening to enable this to be discussed during the evening.

Please make sure you provide us with a parent's comment. If you are unable to make parents evening, we will look at offering you an alternative time during our opening hours. Please speak to your child's key person to rearrange a convenient time.

### Extra-Curricular

We currently offer the following extra-curricular activities at Preschool:

Monday – Pro Sports, Tuesday – French, Thursday – Yoga. If you are interested in a free trial session for your child, please let us know.

Sing with Ellie is taking a maternity break, and we wish her well. During her break, we will be offering Music Bus instead. Music Bus is an established group that offers singing, percussion, actions, parachute play and puppets in a carefully planned session to promote children's development in a fun way. There will be a session on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. Please get in touch for more information regarding the class.

### Dates for your diary

Sports Day will be on Friday 28th June from 10am until 11am and in collaboration with Pioneers Childcare. This will just be for the school starters and will be held in Clair Hall Park.

Graduation Photo Day is booked for Thursday 16th May. If your child does not usually attend on Thursday please speak to a member of staff to book their photo time.

Pre School Leavers Party – Friday 2nd August 1.30pm until 3.30pm.

## Dates for the diary

### Extracurricular Activities

Monday - Pro Sports

Tuesday - Little Lingos

Wednesday - Sing with Ellie

Thursday - Tatty Bumpkin

## Phonics of the month

X & Y

## Book of the Month

What the Ladybird Heard



## Notes from Carrieanne

Spring has sprung and at Pre School we have been exploring many of the exciting opportunities that the season brings.

In true spring style, we have welcomed some new additions to Pre School. Our snails laid some eggs a couple of months ago which the children have been very fortunate to be able to watch hatch. Now we are excited to watch as our baby snails begin to grow! We have also begun to learn and explore growing by planting our very own cress seeds, which we watched and took care of until they had grown enough for us to taste.

The children have been using the role-play area and babies to look at how to take care of them properly, including how to hold them, feed them, burp them and change their nappies. Some of the children then shared stories about their Mummy's tummies and their younger siblings.

To celebrate 'International Book Day' we spent time looking at a variety of different books by Roger Hargreaves in the Mr Men & Little Miss series. We talked about the different characters, settings and story lines and then had a turn at designing front covers for our very own story books.

April was a very fun month as we celebrated Easter! We made our own Easter cards to send home to our families, had small group discussions and we even had our very own Easter egg hunt around the garden.

With Spring has come the warmer weather which has meant we have been able to have lots of opportunities to play in the garden. The obstacle course was back out and this enabled the children to practice their climbing, jumping and balancing skills. The children have been enjoying team games out in the garden such as 'chase' and 'what's the time Mr. Wolf.' In the sand tray we have been exploring the changes in texture and consistency by adding water to the sand. As the sand was wet we found that we could mould and build with it and then as the sun dried it out again it allowed us to pour the sand through a sieve.



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