



Sandbrook Park Newsletter May and June



Your child, our privilege

We hope you all had a great Easter break, and thank you to everyone who got involved in our Easter events – all our children have been very busy. Take a look at what exciting things they've been up to.

Changes to our outdoor area



As the weather gets warmer the children are more involved in the outside areas and our garden; exploring the wigwam and developing their threading skills.

The children have been experiencing change within the garden as we renew and develop it. We are creating an imaginative 'bamboo forest' and updating and refreshing our 'mud kitchen'.



We enjoyed lots of Easter activities - Throughout Easter the children took part in lots of different activities, creating Easter bonnets for our competition, an Easter egg hunt, and taking part in lots of baking activities to sell on our bake sale.



Your Junk is Our Treasure



"Play is much more than just making mud pies. Play is a fundamental aspect of being a human being." Kathy Walker

Parents we need your junk! You are invited to bring any unwanted and unloved resources to nursery.

Do you have that one spoon too many in your utility drawer we could use to add to our treasure basket? Do you have a spare scarf or hat we could use within our dress-up area? Is your cupboard overflowing with tupperware we could use to create a musical instrument?

Spring cleaning is nearly upon us, please think of us, you'd be amazed what we can do with your bits and pieces.

Being School Ready

Some of our Farmers children will be leaving us soon and starting a great new adventure in their lives by going to Primary School. We will be supporting the children in making their transition as smooth as possible by promoting independence, meeting their new teachers and school roleplay.

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We will provide as much information as possible for both child and parents.

- **Could all parents whose children are leaving for school/preschool inform us of:**
- **The date your child will be leaving – (remember we need 4 weeks' notice please)**
- **Which school they will be attending**

Homework bags are on the way!

We had a great response to the outdoor play, keyworker and treasure basket bags. We are now looking at developing our 'mud kitchen' and enhancing play by developing individual boxes for each child. We really value your help and support with these projects so we will be sending homework bags home soon with more information.

Ongoing Staff Training & Development

Recent staff development courses have included Effective Leadership & Coaching and Mentoring training. The next staff training booked is Woodland Play. This course will help practitioners to understand the vital role Woodland Play has within the EYFS and how using the natural world as a resource can aid the learning and development of a child.

Spring Weather

Gentle reminder for parents - although the weather is getting warmer, it is still changeable. As we have outdoor play, could we ask that you provide waterproof coats and wellies for your child.

Remember to check ParentZone regularly as we post updates on upcoming events and activities to remind you of what's happening at nursery. We really value your feedback, so please keep sharing your pictures and ideas with us. If you are having any difficulties with ParentZone please speak to a member of the leadership team.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 7th May	May Bank Holiday – We are Closed
Tuesday 8th May	Sponsored sports activity week
Friday 18th May	Royal Wedding tea party. Dress to impress! Celebrate a little early with Prince Harry & Meghan Markle!
Monday 28th May	Spring Bank Holiday – We are Closed
Wednesday 6th June	Pyjama Day & Bake Sale– Dress in your PJ's – All proceeds to NSPCC
w/c 11 June	Eid Party – Date t.b.c.

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Friday 15th June

School leaver photos – Please ask for details

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Father's Day Celebrations – Yes it's early but we can't forget the dads!

Sat 16th June

Norden Carnival – Family Fun Day Out - Please ask for details

Monday 18th June

BIG Summer Raffle Launch date!

FANCY A PARTY?



Did you know that Running Wild, our exclusive children's party centre, located on the top floor at Fisherfield in Middleton, is now on Facebook?

Search 'Running Wild Parties' and like the page to keep up to date with events and news.

If you're interested in booking your child's Private Party at Running Wild, please go to

www.runningwildparties.co.uk - or call Paula on 0161 653 1996

For all current info/updates www.fisherfieldchildcare.co.uk

Bye for now

Gemma & Team



The Zen Zebras

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