

# Newsletter May/June 2021

Its been such a lovely start to the summer term. We welcomed Joe to our team and he has enjoyed meeting some of our parents and spending time getting to know the children.

The children have been looking at understanding the world and creating lots of wonderful science experiments.

We have made clouds using shaving foam, water and food colouring and a skittles rainbow, slime and even a volcano using coca cola and mints, creating much excitement amongst the children.

The children have been using magnets and searching for objects hidden under rice.

We have looked at life cycles and tadpoles to frogs and caterpillars to butterflies. We planted some cress seeds for the children to take home and watch it grow

We look forward to continuing with all the fun on our return on Monday 7th June, in the meantime have a

*Tapestry* - Tapestry is a wonderful tool which enables us to share information with you and also for you to share with us. With Half Term approaching we would love for you to create your own observations of what you and your child enjoy doing outside preschool. You can add observations by either the app or browser, click on add summary of what your child has been doing at home.

Facebook – This is a closed group and you can request to join. This is intended to keep you updated on what the children will be and have been doing in the group, De'Anne and Mhari are the admin support for the group, we will not be able to answer you directly if you contact them via messenger. Therefore please liaise through our email on <a href="mailto:info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk">info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk</a> unless otherwise requested.



### Lunch Time

In a bid to encourage healthy eating patterns from an early age, our recommendation is for no more than 3 items, for example, a small sandwich, a yoghurt and some fruit to be in their boxes.

Please, cut grapes in half lengthways. A small child can choke on a whole grape.

We do not permit nuts due to allergies. No peanut butter or chocolate spread containing hazelnuts in lunchboxes!



#### Summer Days

We will be using the outside garden area as much as possible. Please can you ensure that you apply sun cream before the start of the day. Factor 30 will ensure that children are covered from 9-3 pm (We will re-apply if you have requested us to do so) Also please don't forget your NAMED sun hat and sensible footwear for outdoor play.

.Please advise us if you have any changes to your personal details, ie change in address, contact number

Should your child develop any allergies please advise us to enable us to update your child's records

## Spare Clothes

Where possible please use the changing bags to put a change of clothes in if you know your child is likely to require them. We do have a box of spare clothes which we use for children who get wet or messy while playing, spill their drinks etc but we would ask parents to wash and return any borrowed items especially underwear. Thank you.

Please ensure your child is dressed accordingly. On wet days we do often still play outside. When wellies are needed could you please supply a pair of shoes to change into.

#### Things to remember:

We would like to remind parents that a mask must be worn at all times whilst on the school grounds

Please also ensure that you maintain social distance rules.

If your child is showing any symptoms such as temperature, upset tummy or generally feeling unwell please do not send them into pre-school

Please don't forget to inform us if anyone else is going to be picking your child up from the group. Where possible it would be ideal if you could bring them in and introduce us beforehand. We will require a password.



Friday 28th May Last Day of Term

Monday 7th June First Day of Term

Thursday 17th June Lions Group Photo

The preschool photographer will be attending on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30 for our Lions end of year group photograph

If you would like your child to be photographed please note changes to drop off and collection times below:-

For children attending the morning session please collect your child at 11.40

For those children attending the afternoon session can we ask that you bring your child in for 11.25

If your child does not attend on a Thursday and would like to be photographed please arrive for 11.25

With thanks