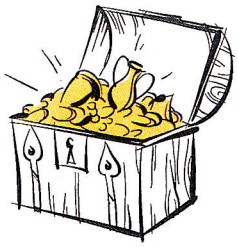
KIRSTY'S LITTLE TREASURES



UNLOCKING YOUR CHILDS POTENTIAL

June/July 2016 NEWS

Parents Evening	Capture update
Just a reminder that, we will be holding a parents evening on Tuesday 5th July and Wednesday 6th July between 6:30pm to 8:30pm; to see your child's key person please book an appointment. The evening will give you the opportunity to talk to your child's key person about their development and bring up any worries that you may have.	Provisions are being made at the moment in order to allow us to start using the electronic journal; we are still waiting on a number of forms to be returned so please if you haven't already can you return ASAP. An evening will be scheduled in August to discuss and show you the journals; your questions have been presented to Capture and I am waiting upon a reply.

British Values

Over the last couple of months we have been doing a lot of work and updating our knowledge around British Values and promoting these within the nursery. Within Parrots there will be a new display showing these values; it will be used to educate the children. There will also be a poster out the front showing the values for you guys to have a look at; we are supporting the values on a day to day basis anyway but we need to understand how these link to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS) The British Values are Tolerance of others, Mutual Respect, Liberty, Rule of Law & Democracy; so you may be hearing a lot more about these over the upcoming weeks.

UNDER 2'S	DOLPHINS	PARROTS
The under 2's unit have had a fantastic time this month as I'm sure you will all agree! There has been an awful lot of mess but a lot of happy and explorative children! We have played in shaving foam, glittery angel delight, cooked spaghetti, flour, fluff paint, dried pasta and lentils, water & sand, paint, custard, dried cereal and lots more! The babies have had a great time using all of their different senses and getting extremely messy! Turtles also enjoyed collecting sticks and leaves in the garden and using them to glue and stick with, they made some lovely creations. **July Topic is: flowers & trees**	Dolphins have enjoyed looking at holiday brochures and using the pictures to create their favourite holiday destination! They loved the shells in the sand and boats in the water and had a great time pretending to go on holiday, which involved putting on sun lotion and eating ice-lollies. They have had lots of together times about their holidays and what they have got up to! **July Topic is: Healthy living, exercise and recycling** Please can you bring in any recycling objects e.g. cereal boxes, packets, yoghurt pots etc; so the children can practice and talk about recycling?	Parrots have had a great time making postcards, passports, sea creature pictures, gluing ice lollies and painting ice creams and making flags etc. They made their own beach in the classroom, role-played different ways of going on holiday e.g. train, aeroplanes, talked about their holidays during together time. Parrots also enjoyed making crowns for the Queen's birthday and flags for the football! They really enjoyed receiving postcards from each other's holidays so keep them coming! **July topic is: summer, exercise, healthy eating & healthy living.**

Parent/child workshops- over the 6 weeks holiday we are hoping to run some parent workshops where you can come into nursery and see the sorts of things we do with the children. You can participate within messy activities, outside play, role play, mark making and together times; this will help you to see the sorts of things we get up to and what the children get out of them! Keep your eyes peeled at the front door for dates of workshops; each room's dates will be displayed.

Pigeon holes	New home links
Dolphins & Parrots parents & carers please can you keep your eyes peeled for your child's pigeon hole filling up on the stairs, this is an area where all of your child's letters and work will be placed so please look to empty it on a regular basis. We will soon be placing 'home tasks' in for the children to complete at home, so please keep checking.	At the front door we have placed new links for you guys to complete at home, at the moment they are on the windowsill at the front door but they will soon be up on a board in the entrance hall. These links can be used for your child to tell us about their holiday, a new achievement, a new baby, new pet, moving house, visit to the dentist etc they will share them with peers at together time. Please email pictures to kirstyslittletreasures@gmail.com

Transitions: over the next 6 weeks there are going to be lots of transitions occurring through all of the rooms e.g. turtles to dolphins and dolphins to parrots. These will be discussed with you during parents evening and you will be informed of when these transitions are likely to start. The children moving will all be supported by their key person during the transitions and

Information will be passed on to staff within their new rooms. The parents of children moving to dolphins (2 year olds currently in turtles) will be taken up to their new room and shown how the room works over the next few weeks.

Teacher to visit	New planning:	Cleaner
A couple of weeks ago a teacher from Sidemoor First School paid one of our school leavers a visit. After her visit she came to see me and said what a fabulous nursery we have, she said all of the children are so happy, the staff are great and our nursery is fantastic, she loved our outside area and our soft play room; so I thought I would share this with you.	Over the past couple of weeks the staff have been trialling a new planning regime that is more individualised and reactive to the children's everyday interests and needs. It is now in the form of a spider diagram and we add to it each day, the children's individual next steps are placed on the planning sheet so we are aware of how to differ each child's learning. If you have any questions please do not hesitate in asking a staff member.	We are still looking to employ a cleaner; this person will work Monday-Friday 4.00pm-6.00pm. They would be responsible for cleaning toilets, soft play, entrance hall, stairs, staff room, walkways etc. They would have to have a DBS check carried out upon them before they could start work with us. If you know anyone who may be interested please ask them to email me on kirstyslittletreasures@gmail.com

Website update

We are looking to have a new website for the nursery, our old one we feel is a little out dated and unused! We are in the process of having meetings with web designers so the ball should be rolling very soon. We are hoping for the new website to be more interactive and for you to use it more; our newsletters and announcements will be placed on here as well as policies and procedures, illnesses and testimonials, so look out for more information.

Staff holidays throughout July: -

- W/C 4th Monday Charlotte & Emily C 1 day holiday. 7th, 8th, 11th & 12th Grace 4 days holiday
- W/C11th Emily C off 5 days, Charlotte 11th 1 day off, 13th & 14th Georgie 2 days holiday, 15th Emma 1 days holiday
- W/C 18TH Kealie 5 days holiday
- W/C 25th Grace 1 day's holiday, Charlotte & Larissa 5 days holiday.

Training for July:

- **19th** In house safeguarding training- Refresher for all staff members- update knowledge and any new legislation update.
- **11th**- Craig & Sarah Food Hygiene Refresher
- **12th**- Sarah, Larissa & Charon in house Manual Handling Refresher
- **18th**- Marie, Dani, Emily H, Sarah, Craig, Kirsty & Gina Drug Administration (not a required course but we feel good practice)

School Transition	Questionnaires	Sun Lotion	Graduation
We are about to say bye to a number of our Pre School children as they will be starting their next chapter and moving onto school. This is going to be a sad but exciting time for us all, we have a duty to pass on your child's details to school; this could be around behaviour, additional needs or safeguarding. Please if you have any questions let us know.	Included within your invoice envelope is some form of questionnaire for you to use to offer us feedback. It will be one of the following: **Transitional:** for all new children talking about their settling in & transition. **Annual:** for existing children who have been here a while. **Exit:** for all children who are moving onto school or pre school. All feedback given will be discussed within our next newsletter or displayed around the nursery.	We are looking to slightly change how we administer sun lotion as we feel we are not doing it the best way. Going forward we will supply a Nivea Sensitive sun lotion for all of the children this will be a factor 50+, we will charge £1 per child per year to cover the cost. If you wish to supply your own this is not a problem we will continue to put this on your child and you will not be charged. We have started to put an extra session on your child's database for the £1 charge.	Parrots school leavers graduation will be on Friday 29th July. This is for all Parrot children who are moving onto school. It will start at 1.00pm we will be having a graduation ceremony, a bouncy castle and a party tea. You are welcome to bring along members of your family i.e. grandparents who may wish to watch the children graduate. We will be making hats with the children and organising for a professional photographer to attend to get some lovely pictures for you to purchase.

Last day of term- the last day of term for all term time only children and funded only children will be Friday the 22nd July. Any sessions after this date will be invoiced. Any questions or requirements that you may have please speak to Kirsty.

The last day of term will be 'movie dress up day' the children and staff can dress up as characters from their favourite films i.e. frozen, Toy Story, Finding Nemo, Cinderella, Cars etc pyjamas will be great if not an outfit!