

April 2016

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the summer term is here!

Transition to school (for those children leaving us this summer)

We do hope you were allocated your chosen school. If you have any queries about your application please come and see me. If you could let your child's key person know which school your child will be attending we will then be able to contact them to discuss transition. We want to ensure all children have a smooth transition into school and invite all schools to visit the children at Haven. The visiting staff are given time to meet your child and their key person.

At the parent's evening in July you will be able to share your child's on line learning journey with your key person. You will receive your copy via email. Many schools are now using Tapestry and your child's learning journey will be sent to their school where their journey will continue into year R. If you have any worries about your child's transition into school please come and see your key person or myself.

Snack Money

We are finding it difficult to purchase snack/cooking food for the children as we are not receiving much snack money. Just a reminder; that snack/fruit money this term is £1 per week or £7 for the half term. This money is essential for providing a wide range of ingredients for cooking (including forest school cooking) for the children and allows for many cookery ingredients to be paid for. A money box will be in every family area to encourage children to put their pound in the box. We would be very grateful if you could send this in as we have not received many contributions and the cost of snack has increased considerably. Thank you for your support.

Sun cream

We are hoping the sun will be shining soon and would be grateful if you could send a £3 donation towards sun cream and bug spray repellent (for forest school). If your child has allergies please send in your own cream/repellent. If your child attends a 3 hour session please apply sun cream before the session. We provide Haven sun hats for the children.

Forest School

Summer in the forest is a magical time with the children. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing to protect them. They must wear long sleeves/trousers and trainers. If they wear sandals they will have to change into boots. We provide sun hats for the children. Ask your child's key person which day they are in the forest. It does change to ensure all children have the opportunity to attend.

Family Fun Day in The Hive

We will be holding a special summer fun day for all the children in the Hive. This special day will have a theme. The date still needs to be finalised, more details to follow.

Library

Since appointing Elaine as our Literacy Co-ordinator the quality of Literacy in the nursery has improved greatly. Children are really loving books both fiction and information books. Each month we focus on a different author, 'Author of the month', please share the display in the entrance with your child. The children enjoy their special time in the library with Elaine and are excited about choosing a new book to take home to share with you. Please encourage your child to bring their book back to change and let us know if any book repairs are needed.

Lost Property

Please check the table in the reception area as there are many unnamed items of lost property. We do make every effort to care for coats and belongings and if they are labelled it is very helpful.

Sharing a book with your child in nursery

This was such a success on World Book Day we would like to repeat this. Come and share a book with your child in nursery at either 9.00 am or 1.00pm on Wednesday May 11th or Thursday May 12th and Wednesday June 8th or Thursday June 9th. The children can come dressed up too!

Hive Sports Day (Tuesday 5th July)

Sporting fun for the Hive children, staff and families. Activities will take place at either 11.00am (morning children) or 1.15pm (afternoon children). Children who do not attend Wednesdays are welcome to attend with a parent and join in the fun with their family group.

Hive Celebration Day (Tuesday 19th July)

You are invited to celebrate the end of your child's time in the Hive at either 11.15am or 1.15pm.

Summary of Dates for Diary

- Friday April 22nd - **World Earth Day**
- Tuesday 10th May 9.15 or 1.15 Workshop - **School Readiness** (please note change of dates)
- Saturday June 11th 10.00 am to 2.00pm - **Haven Country Fayre**
- Monday 27th June **Inset Day**. The whole Centre will be closed for staff training.
- Tuesday 5th July (11.00am or 1.15pm) - **Hive Sports Day**
- Wednesday 6th July to Friday 15th July - **Summer Celebration in the forest** – more details to follow
- Thursday 7th July **Family Fun Day in The Hive** invitation to follow
- **Parent's Evenings** from 4.15pm to 8.00pm. Please book a time to talk with your child's Key person:
Wednesday 6th July - **Badgers, Mice, Bumblebees, Owls, Rabbits, Ladybirds**
Thursday 7th July - **Frogs, Bats, Squirrels, Hedgehogs, Foxes, Snails**
- Tuesday 19th July (11.15am or 1.15pm) - **Hive Celebration**
- Wednesday 20th July - **Last day of term**

Best Wishes,
Karen Hooper