



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 June 2016	Open Morning
3 July 2016	Duck Race
20 July 2016	Last day of term
21 July 2016	Leavers Day
22 July 2016	Consultation day
7 September 2016	Open Morning for new starters
8 Sept 2016	Back to School
24 Oct - 28 Oct	Half term
31 Oct 2016	Inset Day
1 Nov 2016	Back to School

WATER PLAY & MESSY PLAY

Please note that as the weather changes and becomes warmer we will be adding a number of water based activities, to help keep the children cool. Messy play activities are always popular with the children and is a key part of their learning. Whilst we always provide aprons mishaps do happen. Please can you ensure you provide a number of named changes of clothes in your child's bag to allow us to change them throughout the day!



DUCK RACE 3 JULY 2016



Sunday 3 July 2016 12pm- 4pm

In the garden of the Bangkok Lounge

Kindly Sponsored by Country Properties

There will be Duck Races, a bouncy castle, games, face painting and food and drink supplied by the Bangkok Lounge.



All fund raised go to Acorn Pre-School & the Mighty Oaks. Please come along and support us at this family fun afternoon.

Pre- School News

We have lots going on this term! Some of the things we will be doing are:

- looking at bugs and insects
- looking at the Hungry Caterpillar Book and the food that he eats.
- With the Duck Race approaching we will be doing lots of duck related activities including counting, singing 5 Little Ducks, using our motor skills to Hook a Duck, making Duck Hats and lots more

The focus for this term:

We are working on transitions with the children that are moving on to Cherry Class and Reception, to help with the new setting and new routines in September.

Transition visits to Cherry Class have now been arranged and over the coming weeks children will be visiting with their friends and staff.

Learning at Home

Keep your eyes open for posters in the lobby for any home learning challenges!

We are doing lots of work on shapes. Have you been on a shape hunt at home? Have a look at home at what different shapes you can find in your house.....Let us know how you get on!

WOW moments - don't forget to tell us about any exciting moments at home or achievements so we can celebrate them in school and put them on our Stars Board.

Staff News

It is very important to us that our staff keep their skills up to date and are aware of any changes to legislation. This helps us to provide the best experiences and outcomes for our children. Over the last term our staff have been on courses and training, these include Early Years Foundation Stage Update, Being Outstanding, Paediatric First Aid, Parents as Partners, Domestic Abuse - supporting children, Look Listen and note take, Meeting the needs of 2 year olds, Brave Boy Course, Safeguarding Children, Health and Safety in Schools and Working with looked After Children.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a new manager and bank staff..... watch this space for more news!

Changes at home: Let us know of any changes, these can affect children in many ways, it is important that we know so we can help and support them.

WANTED

We are looking for donations of the following items, your unwanted items can be our treasure!

Teddies or cuddly toys that can be used for our Teddy Tombola

Tombola items- quirky, funny, a tin of beans a bottle of shampoo - anything will do!

Raffle prizes for our Duck Race Raffle - do you work for a company that could donate something? If so, get in touch!

Funnels, guttering or plastic water pipes to build our water wall.

Pots, pans, sieves, whisks tongs etc for use in our garden kitchen.

Paving slabs for the base of our new playhouse.

Old school uniform to help stock up our spare clothes supply for when the children have accidents.



This year our bunny hop raised a hopping great £474. This is a fantastic amount of money. Thank you to everyone who came and to our hopping bunnies who bounced all morning, also thank you to all the family and friends who kindly sponsored your children.

With our recent fundraising we have been able to invest in some new equipment. We have been able to buy a Crawl and Climb Caterpillar for the garden. A river landscape which includes balance beams and stepping stones to help encourage the children's gross motor skills and core balance, vital for the development of growing 2 and 3 year olds!

We also have funds for a new playhouse, which we hope to purchase shortly.

We are working hard to raise funds to replace the grass in our garden with artificial grass and improve the drainage. We are aware that it becomes very dusty in the summer and very muddy when the weather is wet. The cost of this work is significant but we are working hard to raise money to get this put in place.