

## Summer Newsletter 2017



### Dear Parents and Carers,

The beginning of June has brought us a little sunshine already, so we are preparing our gardens as a hive of activity as we bring the inside of our nurseries outside. You will see the children eat outside as well. It is sad to think that this is the final newsletter for the children who will be starting school in September; many of them have been with us since babies.

Where has the time gone!! Transition visits have been underway for the children to visit their new reception class we hope the children have found these enjoyable.

### Decorate A Donut Afternoon

We will be holding a 'special man in my life doughnut day' to encompass father's day for the children. Therefore, we would like to invite any special man in your child's life to come in and spend time with their nursery children decorating doughnuts and having a chat with the other men, and a tea or coffee. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate older siblings.

**Stubington Lodge Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2.30 - 3.30pm**  
**Manor and Miller Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 - 3.30pm**

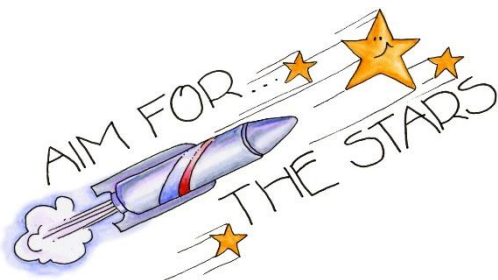
We look forward to seeing you all !



### School Readiness

For parents that have a child/children entering their final term with us, we have been focussing on our school readiness programme which we are half way through. The children are concentrating on a programme of their individual targeted learning. It has been devised in liaison with our local feeder schools and other factors considered from the beginnings of KS1 (reception year of primary school). We have endeavoured to link with your child's school for any other ideas to link with our programme. Our programme is not a tick list, it is a comprehensive fun programme of activities that we believe will give your child a fundamental solid start to their journey to primary school.

Your children have taken part in many different activities including science experiments, pencil control and P.E. but to name a few. Across the nurseries a favourite activity still has to be the Coke and Mentos experiment, a simple experiment of placing Mentos into Coke and awaiting in anticipation what happens next! The children squeal and are amazed when they see the coke shoot up and erupt, declaring that it looks like a volcano! Stubington Lodge children extended the activity by watching a video on how a volcano erupts and what colour the lava is. Please look at our School Readiness displays in the Pre-school areas, here you will see photographs, summaries and planning of your children's week. We welcome any feedback about this programme.



## Graduation Dates



We would like to invite all pre-school children leaving to go to school to their graduation ceremony.

**Miller children - Uplands School on Friday 14th July at 10am**

**Manor Children - Ashcroft Centre on Wednesday 19th July at 2.30pm.**

**Stubbington Lodge - Northend Bowling Club (Next door to the Nursery) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 3pm.**

Your child's graduation is a ticket only event, unfortunately, we have to limit tickets due to space considerations. You should have received an invitation detailing the event and how to obtain tickets. We would like to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure and a privilege it has been getting to know your child. We wish your child many happy years in their new school.

## It's Fun Being A Good Manors Child!

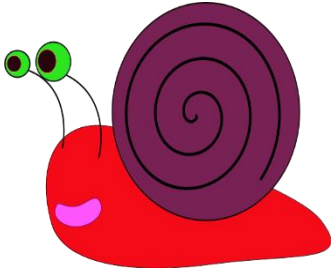
The babies at Manor have been experimenting with their senses playing with and in water! And have used their bodies to body paint! The staff have observations of your children laughing and smiling throughout these activities ... so look out for them on your child's Tapestry. The team are experimenting also with the philosophy that babies respond more to the colours black and white, hence one of the baby unit play room walls being depicted with this theme. The babies do seem very interested in the pictorial representation on the walls and the monochrome resources on offer. This is an area the team are building on, any ideas will be gratefully received.

Miller babies have been exploring colours, experimenting with purple and green sand mixing it with water. Summer displays in the room are coming along with the babies being industrious gluers, painters and decorators! Pictures on Tapestry will show your babies playing in and with baked beans, cooked spaghetti and porridge. If any of you have any plastic drinks bottles please bring them in for them to be made into sensory bottles. The new soft play has created indoor opportunities to crawl, climb and jump safely with the warmer weather creating opportunities for water play in the garden and having snack outside.

The babies from Stubbington Lodge have been venturing out to the library and to College park as there are new baby animals for the children to see. The older babies have been learning about road safety when walking to the park, with the staff teaching the children to look left and right before crossing the road.

Tweenies at Manor have made the most of the lovely weather and have been out in the local community, shopping for vegetables at the market, singing and reading stories in the newly refurbished Fareham library, visiting Bath Park and ending some afternoons by having picnics by Ferneham hall. Digging outside and using magnifying glasses to find insects and identify them has been a favoured activity. The children have also been experimenting with different ways to paint, using bubble mixture, spray paints!! And their favourite... egg painting.

At Miller the Tweenie staff have been focusing on their children's interests such as changing the role play area to a castle and construction area. Children having been heavily involved in the decision making process as to what they wish to do at nursery for example, one child wanted to play with jelly so the children were taken to the shop, brought jelly and after water had been added to melt the cubes, the jelly was ready for playing with. The children's favourite story/song display boards are evident in the Tweenie room. 'The Hungry Caterpillar', 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and now the Tweenies are working on a 'Wheels On The Bus Board'. From the 12<sup>th</sup> June the emphasis is on 'Safety' week which the children will be focussing on 'People Who Help Us'. With the warmer weather the Tweenies have been out on walks in the environment and to the park.



Pre-school - Alongside the school readiness program all the children in the nurseries are practising their graduation. Zsazsa the large African snail is a new addition to the Pre-school at Manor which has created great interest and excitement for the children. They are holding her daily (washing hands before afterwards!) and enjoy the responsibility of giving her food and water. The children in all the nurseries are enjoying having their meals outside including breakfast !! (weather permitting) ! With the children brushing their teeth in nursery time, at Manor they have had a visit from the dentist recently to talk about and create a healthy discussion around healthy

mouths, which the children are still talking about. At Stubbington Lodge the Pre-school children have started learning about Safety they been out for a safety walk around the local area and will be walking down to the crossing patrols to have a road safety talk with them. They have adapted their role play area into paramedics station. They have devised a game reading out different scenarios for everyone to try and guess who helps us.

### **Michele's News**

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you all that I am leaving the company on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. This is the second time I have left! The first in the year 2000 when I left to be an Early Years Ofsted Inspector. In 2012 I returned as a consultant and stayed until present day as the company's Senior Operations Manager. I feel it is time for me to move on to a larger corporate company in the role of Area Manager. I am looking forward to this new position that brings forth new challenges with overseeing larger nurseries and a bigger workforce which will add diverse experience to my career. I would like to thank you for all your support over the last four and a half years and the company every success for the future.

The directors are in the process of appointing an Operations Business Manager who will be responsible for leading and developing the nurseries, ensuring we continue to deliver the high standards of childcare.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

A big thank you to those of you who have already contributed. We have ordered nursery resources and equipment which we look forward to receiving in due course.

## Availability

With our pre-school children leaving to go to school, we have spaces available for all age groups especially babies. Presently we are offering families with under twos who register with us by the end of July a 10% discount off their first month's invoice. Also if you introduce a family who registers any age child by the end of this year you yourselves will receive a 10% discount off your next invoice. We hope that you will continue to recommend us to friends and family.

## Reminders

For parents picking up and dropping off at Manor Lodge, please can we ask you once again **NOT** to park on our front drive or on our double yellow lines outside our entrance. The driveway is in constant use, and in the event of an emergency an emergency vehicle will need to use it. There is free parking spaces at the back of the nursery during beginning and end of the day.

Please can you not let older siblings let themselves in with the key codes to the front doors and back gate (Stubbington Lodge and Manor). This is a **safeguarding** concern for us, as older children we are unfamiliar with are sometimes entering the nursery before their parents, leaving doors open, the use of key codes is for adults only. Also a reminder to not let in parents/visitors that are unfamiliar to you.

If you are going to be late picking up your child, please can you let us know. Also if you bring your child into nursery before your child's session starts, you will need to wait with your child as we do not have the capacity to accommodate your child until we are expecting them. At the end of the day we are having late charges being incurred by parents picking up their children after 6pm. We acknowledge that there might be a one off occasion that this might happen but some of our parents are continuously picking up after 6pm as a norm which is unacceptable as our nurseries close at 6pm.

Thank you to all the parents that have taken time to write reviews for our nurseries on [www.daynurseries.co.uk](http://www.daynurseries.co.uk) . If any of you still wish to write a review please use the web address, on the menu tab click submit a review and enter the name of the nursery you are reviewing and detail your comments.

## Keep in contact

Make sure to add us on Facebook in order to access our latest updates and news from inside the nursery day to day life. Over the coming months we will be utilising Facebook in order to keep you informed of the latest developments regarding Good Manors and your children. Add us as a friend Facebook under the name Good Manors.

