



May 2017
Nursery Newsletter

We are delighted to welcome cook Anne Chappell to the nursery team. Anne is very experienced and qualified in food and nutrition and has had years of working in the food industry. She has worked in and around the Biggar area for many years and we are lucky to have her at Rascals.

We have a child in the 0-2 room with a suspected nut allergy, could we ask that children in the under 2 age group, do not have any food containing nuts, until further notice.
Thank you

If your child is still in nappies, please remember to include **wipes** and **cream** if required.

A big Thank You to all parents and family members, who have contributed to the 3-5 year group experiences. It is always a treat when we have visits from 'outside' and the children just love the interactions. We are always happy to have any input from you and your family and friends. If you feel you have something to offer the group, be it time for a story or an hour of fun in the 3-5 group, PLEASE speak to the 3-5 practitioners.

Could we ask that all voucher payments are put through so that they clear before the 14th of the month. Last month we had numerous late payment additions purely because the vouchers had not been put through in time. We have NO control over your vouchers. Remember that payment is due by the 1st of each month.

Please remember to include clothing suitable for the weather. This includes putting on sun cream BEFORE your child comes to nursery.

TABLE TOP SALE Saturday 6th May 10am - 12noon See You There!

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair (If we sell £300 we will receive the equivalent in commission, please help us to do this)

Rascals Children's stall, Card stall, sentimelts, hair accessories, T shirts, 2nd hand children's clothes, raffle, and others. Tea & coffee will be available.

Nursery class holiday Monday 1st May, Friday 26th & Monday 29th May

Date for your Diary

Sports Day Friday 2nd June 10.30 - 11.30 (or Thursday 8th June, same time, should the first day be wet)

Graduation of children going to school Friday 16th June 2017 5.30pm

Last Day of Nursery Class Friday 23rd June



Activities in April

0-24 months

As it is spring time, the children have been making butterflies using different colours of paint, we also experimented using different textures of card in yellow and black to make Bumble Bees. We also made a tree and using fingerprints we made the blossom. The children also got a farm yard out with animals and tractors, and they appeared to enjoy putting the animals on the trailers and pushed them around the room.

We put a picnic area out with plates, cutlery and food and we role played sitting together having a 'picnic'. This encouraged the children's social skills.

24-36months

The children had an introduction to spring with some stories and rhymes that corresponded to this focus. They spent time exploring paint to create colourful Easter eggs which made a lovely Spring display. The children also shared their Easter adventures with staff, who scribed the stories to display on the wall. When the weather was good, the children spent time outdoors on the hard standing practising their pedalling skills and mastering ride on toys. They continue to spend longer times sitting at stories and rhyme time, to encourage concentration.

3-5 Group

Before the Easter holidays we were looking at Spring as our mini focus. The children painted lots of lovely pictures of daffodils and lambs. We had a visit from a lamb (thanks to Andrew's Gran Storrar) which was a lot of fun. Some of the children got to feed the lamb before it went for a little wander around the nursery! Miss Rebecca brought in her two rabbits who were very fluffy. During the Easter break many of the children took part in egg decorating & Easter baking.

Now that we are back from the holidays, we are starting to discuss our new focus. "Castles" and the people who lived in them appear to be the most popular. If anyone knows stories, games etc relating to this focus, please let the staff know. The children leaving this summer are starting to practise songs etc. for their Graduation