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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term

12th May 2025

The summer term has arrived and hopefully with it the good weather, with this in mind for the rest of the term we will be hoping to do as much outside as possible, this will include lots of mud and water play. Please can we request that you provide several changes of clothes for your child.

We hope you are all enjoying your weekly updates on Seesaw. Please read it each week, we do include lots of information that is important for your child's development. If you are having any problems accessing or any comments you would like to make, please speak to your key worker.

We have a no shoe policy, whilst playing indoors at Nursery. This will provide a wealth of benefits from strengthening the muscle in children's feet and ankles, improving balance and posture. During their day the children are very physical and would benefit from no slip socks. To also aid the children's independence when needing to change into footwear could you please provide your children with Slip on or Velcro shoes, that they can do themselves.

Bearing in mind how changeable the weather is, can we please ask that all children come equipped with a sun hat, waterproof and warm jumper, every day. We are outside as much as possible, and it can sometimes be quite chilly first thing in the morning. Please ensure your child wears something that covers their shoulders, such as a t-shirt rather than strappy dresses etc. We hope that for most children applying sun cream before they arrive at Nursery will be sufficient. There are now excellent '10 Hour Protection' ones on the market. Boots currently have their own brand 'Soltan Once' – with NO need to reapply during the day. If you feel your child needs more sun protection, please speak to their key worker and arrange to supply a named sun cream in their bag. Please also remember that we do quite a lot of physical activities and it would be a great shame if a child could not be included because they have inappropriate footwear. Trainers, Daps, Doodles, would be ideal. If your child wears wellies to Nursery PLEASE PLACE A PAIR OF SHOES IN THEIR BAG.

Dates for your diary: -

Thursday 22nd May - Weather permitting Nursery will hold its Sports Day. More details will be sent out closer to the date.

Thursday 12th June – Class and leavers photos.

Date TBC - Goldcrests will be leading Collective worship at 2.30pm. All Goldcrests parents Are welcome to attend. More details will be sent out closer to the date.



Friday 18th July Last day of summer term – We will be holding a family picnic, allowing us the time to get together at the end of the academic year. We would love it if you could all come and bring a picnic to share with your child. At 1pm there will be a short presentation to celebrate the time the older children have spent at Goldcrests before they move onto Reception, after which you are free to take your children home.

Forest School Sessions

Our Forest School sessions will take place on alternate Monday and Wednesday mornings so please send your child into nursery wearing appropriate clothes for the weather, but this should always include a long sleeve top and long trousers to protect against nettles. Dresses are not suitable for Forest School and long hair needs to be tied up. It would also be helpful if long hair could be tied up. We will always try and send out reminders of the day your child will be attending Forest School. The children need to wear wellies whatever the weather as they are sturdy for the uneven ground and they protect against stinging nettles, ideally, we would like each child to bring in a spare pair of wellies to keep at nursery, therefore they are always here for walks and playing on other days. If it is too wet/cold, or windy, Forest School will be held at Nursery where we will still do Forest School activities.

Forest School Dates for the following term: -

Monday 28th April

Wednesday 7th May

Monday 12th May

Wednesday 21st May

Monday 26th May – Half term

Monday 2nd June

Wednesday 11th June

Monday 16th June

Wednesday 25th June

Monday 30th June

Wednesday 9th July

Monday 14th July

Marks on Arrival

Active children accumulate bumps, bruises, scratches and scrapes often through active play. If your child comes to Nursery with an injury, we have a duty under the statutory framework to safeguard your children. This is accomplished through your participation in completing an accident form with a brief explanation of how it happened.

If your child is being collected by someone different from normal, then please tell us in the morning or telephone the office to let us know. If you do not arrive to pick up your child, they will wait in the hall, and you will be contacted. If we are unable to contact you, then we will telephone the next person on the list of people authorised to collect your child. Therefore, it is important that we are informed of any changes to contact details.

We ask that your children do not bring in their toys from home – they may get accidentally damaged, played with by others or muddled in with our equipment. It is much better that they get left in the car for going home time. We do stress, however, that if your child needs a small special security toy, blanket etc. they should be brought until it is appropriate for them to be left at home as they do play an important role in your child's development. Could we also ask you to check that your child does not bring small objects into Goldcrests in their pockets, these could pose a risk to the children who still like to explore objects in their mouths. Children often swallow small objects such as coins, toys, or jewellery.

It is advised that you do not let your child wear jewellery to Goldcrests – necklaces or bracelets can cause problems if they become caught in toys and all jewellery is liable to break or to go missing and be hard to find. If ears are pierced, studs only should be worn.

Please speak to us in the morning or at the end of the school day if you have any concerns, queries or if there is any change that may affect your child through the day e.g. unsettled sleep, change in family situations etc.

Don't forget if you would like to discuss your child's development at Nursery with your child's key worker, please let us know and we will arrange a mutually convenient time.

Kind Regards

Ally, Amber, Karen and Sara
Nursery Team