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Dear Parents/Carers



Summer Fair



Our Summer Fair is on Saturday 9th July. In order for it to be a success we still desperately need volunteers to help us out running stalls, face painting or even making drinks. Please sign up on the list outside Mary's office if you think you can spare a few hours to help out.

We also need donations of bric-a-brac, books and good quality children's toys. It's an excellent opportunity to have a good clear out!

The list for food donations is up on Mary's office door so please write your name beside any donations of food you would like to bring along.

Story Telling Week



We would like to say a really big thank you to all the parents who came in to read stories with the children last week. The children heard stories in a variety of languages including Polish, French and British sign language as well as English. We are very proud that our children are often found sitting in groups independently looking at stories so this was a fantastic extension to their experience of books.

Bring a Dad , Grandad or Uncle to Nursery Day

This will be taking place on **Wednesday 29th June**. Thank you to the people who have already volunteered. If you would like to come in and spend time with the children playing a game indoors or out, playing the guitar, reading stories, helping the children with woodwork, juggling or showing the children any other skills you may have it would be lovely to see you! Please let Mary, Margaret or your child's key worker if you would like to join us.

International Mud Day

Thursday 30th June



We started this at Low Hall last year and it was such amazing fun that we felt we had to make it an annual event! Your children will have the opportunity to walk in mud, play in the mud kitchen, paint with mud and take part in many more fun muddy experiences! Although we will be providing aprons please make sure that your child is wearing very old clothes on this day and has a change of clothes in their bag/box.

Parent's questionnaire

Please complete our annual survey, as attached, and which is also available from the office, to let us know what you think of our Nursery School. We endeavour to provide a high quality learning environment for your child and we value your opinions.

It would really help us if you also filled in the questionnaire on the Ofsted website: <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> or www.ofsted.gov.uk (Parent View is on the home page). When Ofsted inspectors visit schools they look at the parent view website to find out what parents think about the school.

Parent Conferences

Before the end of term you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's key worker to talk through your child's achievements at nursery. If you have not yet had a letter with a date and time please see your child's key worker.

Children's belongings

Please do not let your child bring their bags, toys or any personal items to school unless it's really necessary. To ensure that bags and clothes are kept safe they should be labelled with your child's name.

School Fund/Nursery Books

Please return all nursery books and make sure that you are up to date with school fund contributions before the end of term. This money pays for your child's snacks and drinks as well as subsidising visitors and trips out of nursery. Please also remember to take all your child's work and possessions from their boxes.

Leaver's Picnic

Our leaver's picnic will be on Tuesday 19th July. Hopefully the weather will be good so that we can have this in the nursery garden. It will be at 11.15am and 3.00pm. All parents are welcome (even if your child is not leaving).

Welly Boots Donations



We could still do with any donations of old welly boots that your child may have grown out of but could fit younger children. Children even wear them in the summer while they are engaging in water play in the garden so we need as many as possible! Alternatively please provide your child with their own pair (named) which can be kept in their box.

Nursery Clothes

If your child has come home wearing nursery clothes please make sure they are returned as soon as possible. Donations of socks, pants and trousers are also desperately needed!

Staff Leaving

We are really sad to have to inform you that two fantastic teachers will be leaving us at the end of term.

Sarah Geekie has been with us about a year and a half and has had an amazing influence on the teaching and learning of all your children. She is leaving us to pursue some other ventures but would love to be back with us in the future.

Tony Keenan has been here every Thursday for the past year. He has been doing some lovely work with the children entitled to pupil premium but is leaving to go back home to Ireland.

The staff and children will really miss Sarah and Tony, but I'm sure you would all like to join us in thanking them for all their hard work at Low Hall.

New Staff

We are lucky to have a very experienced new teacher, **Naline Sabaroche** joining us in September as well as a new full time Early Year's Practitioner to work with the children with Special Needs and Disabilities. Also, **Shehla Khan** will be changing from a full-time position to part-time.

Good luck to all the children who are leaving

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children moving on to primary school all the very best. They have had so much fun here and learnt so much! We hope this continues as they move on. Please do keep in touch and we look forward to seeing you all again at our annual Summer fair.

Dates

Wednesday 29th June – Bring a dad, uncle or grandad to nursery day

Thursday 30th June- International Mud day

Saturday 9th July-Summer Fair

Tuesday 19th July- Leavers Picnic

Wednesday 20th July-Last day of summer term

