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Closures for polling

Please remember that we are closed on Thursday this week as the school is used as a polling station. We are also closed for polling on **Thursday 23rd June**.



Living Eggs and Caterpillars



During the week beginning the **9th May** we will have some eggs here in an incubator and the children will be given the chance to watch them hatch in to baby chicks. This is a really exciting experience for the children and a wonderful learning opportunity. Once the eggs have hatched the chicks are transferred in to a larger space before they are returned to the farm they came from. However, if anyone would like some chicks please let us know.

We will also be having some caterpillars in cocoons at the nursery arriving by post! They will be here during the week beginning the **6th June**. The children will be able to watch them gradually emerge out of their cocoon and grow into butterflies. When they are ready the children will see them fly away in our nursery garden.

Family Outing to Hampstead Heath

We are planning to have our family outing to Hampstead Heath on **Thursday 26th May**. We have brought the date forward as the Barking to Gospel Oak line is being shut at the start of June for eight months in order to electrify the line. Letters will follow shortly but we will need parents/carers to come with us in order for the trip to take place.

Half-Term

Please remember we are closed for one week beginning **Monday 30th May** although we are open for the holiday play scheme. If you wish your child to attend the play scheme please see Mary. Information is on our website.

World Environment Day

As it is World Environment Day on Sunday June 5th we are planning a whole week where we will be talking about how we look after our environment beginning on **Monday 6th June**. If there are any parents who have an interest or an expertise in environmental matters we would welcome ideas or help.

Story Telling Week

During the **week beginning 13th June** we are planning a 'Story telling week'. We would love as many parents/carers

as possible to come in during that week and read/tell stories from around the world as well as reading more familiar stories with the children. You can either read stories during the session to small groups of children or read a story at the end of a session to a slightly larger group. We would also welcome you introducing children to songs and rhymes from around the world. **If you would like to volunteer please see Margaret or Mary.**

Bring a Dad, Grandad or Uncle day

On Wednesday 29th June we would love any dad, grandad or uncle to come in and spend time with the children. If you have a particular skill such as playing the guitar, juggling (!), painting or sculpturing please let Margaret or your child's key worker know. You don't have to have a particular skill; just spending some time in the nursery with your child would be lovely.

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is on **Saturday 9th July** from **10.00am-1.00pm**. It is always a really successful day and we hope as many of you will be here with your families. Please let Mary know if you are able to help out on that day. It could be running a stall or helping to set up and tidy up. We particularly need help with **face painting** as this is always really popular! We also need donations of raffle prizes such as meals at local restaurants, a large homemade cake or toiletries. Again, please let Mary know if you are able to donate.

Donations of Junk

We would welcome donations of junk boxes such as cereal boxes, yoghurt pots and other small boxes. The children are really enjoying making models and costumes at the moment and this would really help them to extend their learning.

Wellington Boots

If you have any wellington boots that your children have grown out of but you think may fit some other children at the nursery we would welcome donations.

Summer Clothes and Appropriate Footwear

As the warm weather arrives the children will be given more opportunity to play with water outside. Please make sure that your child has enough spare clothing just in case they get wet more often! They will also need to wear appropriate summer shoes such as light trainers or enclosed canvas shoes. Sandals will need to be flat and have

backs on them. Crocs  and flip-flops  are not suitable as they are not safe for climbing.

Keeping your child safe in the sun- Slip! Slap! Slop!




Slip on a T-shirt  Slap on a hat  Slop on sun cream 

Please make sure that your child is fully protected from the sun in hot weather.

You will need to put sun cream on your child before they come to nursery. If necessary we will also put sun cream on

the children but if your child has sensitive skin and needs special cream you will need to provide your own.

Donations of Cause and Effect Toys

If anyone has any old toys such as wind up toys  , spinning tops  , push down toys  or 'pop up' toys we would very much welcome donations.

School Fund

If you have not yet paid school fund it is £7 up until half-term. Please see Mary in the office.

Leavers Picnic

We will be having a leaver's picnic on **Tuesday July 19th** at **11.15am** and **3.00pm**. Parents/carers are invited to attend (including parents/carers of children staying at Low Hall). On that day the leavers will be given their Special Books to take home. The children will say a more formal good luck to them on the Wednesday (last day of term).



Date Reminder

Thursday 5th May- Closed for polling

Thursday 26th May- Family trip to Hampstead Heath

Monday 6th June- World Environment Day Activity week

Monday 13th June- Story telling week

Thursday 23rd June- Closed for polling day

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

Saturday 9th July-Summer Fair

Tuesday 19th July- Leavers Picnic

Wednesday 20th July-Last day of summer term