

## April 2023 Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

There is always something about turning our clocks forward that brings hope and excitement and a little dread at the same time. Officially Spring has sprung and splashes of yellow in open fields with daffodils and sprinkles of purple with the crocus' is always a pleasure to see on mass. If you have not had the opportunity National Trust properties and open woodlands are a sight to behold this time of year. Something I always treasure since moving to England a fair few years ago! On the flip side of the coin we all lose an hour in bed and we get to go home at the end of our working day in daylight, hip hip hooray! Let the summer begin.....with bated breath!

Just round the corner is Easter and fundamentals will be celebrating all things Easter as it does every year. From Easter egg hunts in our gardens, Easter bonnets, planting bulbs and giving our garden a spring boost with lots of helpers on hand. This will be happening in the next couple of weeks so please watch this space. If there is anything that you and your child might like to bring into nursery, please do so during this time that would be great. We just ask please nothing too big. We do have a storage and space issue.

In our main room we have caterpillars growing for the babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to watch over time and see the magic that happens. Furthermore, it has come to our attention that some of our pre-schoolers have tadpoles growing at home and they have been informing their teachers of what is going to happen to them as well. So, lots of exciting lifecycles are happening all around us at the moment. This time of year is also a fabulous learning opportunity to visit farms and see the lambing season. Places like the Cotswold wildlife farm (Cotswolds) Odds farm (Maidenhead) and Millet's farm (Abingdon) are to name but a few.

There will be some of you that have been watching the news as of late and Jeremy Hunt's budget of 2023 has made for interesting watching regarding Early Years Education for all families. This is something that both Ann and I would like to share with you all in the next month or so in a separate communications memo. The government have yet to finalise certain details and when we have confirmed information, we will most certainly pass this onto you.

In the meantime, everything is going full steam ahead and we warmly welcome some new families and second time round families back to fundamentals. We do have a long waiting list to join now so if you are wanting any ad hoc sessions to book please let us know as soon as possible.

For parents who have children who will be transitioning to school this September 2023 the month of May will be important to you and your child. Just to be organised and when you get confirmation of your child's school place can you let myself and Ann know

so we can collaborate with the relevant schools and to remember there is one month's notice to give when leaving fundamentals, we don't want our parents to get charged unnecessarily during this time. Furthermore, it also supports the nursery in offering places to our families that so need a nursery place on our waiting list. Your undivided support is greatly appreciated in this matter.

## Events and occasions happening over the summer months

Email memos - have been distributed to all parents from Ann as of late regarding, the following -

Date: Preschool Graduation Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 from 3pm - 4pm with a tea party please put this date in your diary. More communication will come out nearer the time

Date: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 Blooming tea party for Marie Curie. This is a charity event, it will all kick off at 11am and finish at 3pm. There will be baking stalls, baking classes for your children and yourselves to join, the Blewbury Brass Band is coming to play some music and bouncy castle for lots of fun, fingers crossed the weather will be on our side. If you fancy baking a cake or two for our stalls to sell that would be great!

Provisional Date: September/October 2023 the Cotswold Wildlife Park. We have extended the interest reply date to the end of April 2023. Currently we have very little response. If the numbers don't increase significantly then we will have to cancel the outing.

We would like to say a huge thank you for parents that paid the correct amount for their March fees going forward. Please can I politely remind parents if you have not done so already to ensure the amount has been altered to take into consideration of the new increase. Once again thank you very much in advance.

Toilet training does take time and patience for all involved. Please can we ask that if your child is at this stage that their canvas fundamentals bag is full of spare clothes particularly bottoms, underwear, socks and believe it or not shoes. Having 1 spare set from experience is not enough. So if at least 2 sets of spares could be packed that would be amazing. Although we have spare clothing at nursery we have become very depleted of these once again. All nursery clothing is marked with a large capital black 'F' on them. If you have any or come across any nursery clothing please can we ask to have them returned at your earliest convenience.

The ups and downs of this current weather has definitely challenged us all over the last four months with managing all kinds of sickness and illness. It is greatly appreciated that all families who have had poorly children have done their utmost to support not spreading the diseases at nursery further. Although we do deep cleans daily and every weekend, disinfecting and sterilising rigorously is also carried out. Your undivided support of not bringing your child into nursery when they are unwell is most certainly appreciated. If you are unsure of whether to bring your child into nursery due to being unwell or think they might be unfit to attend please side on caution and contact the

nursery via our 01869 321301 or email on [admin@fundamentalschildcare.co.uk](mailto:admin@fundamentalschildcare.co.uk) and one of our staff are more than happy to discuss with you on the phone.

From everybody here at fundamentals we wish everybody a very Happy Easter, guilt free enjoying your chocolate eggs or anything else chocolate related and if any of our families are travelling overseas or nationally to visit families members and close friends have a safe journey and have the best time ever! The Easter bunny say "hop hop away".

Kindest regards,

Sonja, Ann & fundamentals staff team xx