



Newsletter

July 2018



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Dates for your diary

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All our term dates are on our website on our 'Further reading' page.*

Last day of term 6: Thursday 23rd July

Leaver's service: Tuesday 24th July

Healthy Living Week: Monday 16th -Friday 20th July

Inset days for 2018-19:

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Monday 18th March 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

First day of Term 1: Tuesday 4th September 2018

Thank you to everyone who supported our AGM and art exhibition. We had a really positive response from parents about the items their children had made and the evening.

If you still wanted to take your children's art work home in return for a donation, please let the staff know. The rest of the children's work will be proudly displayed at Buddies.

News from the playroom

An update on some of the ways we've been learning recently.

It's been hot, hot hot! Thank you for remembering to apply suncream and ensure that your child has a hat. The staff have been trialling a new water monitoring system to ensure that all the children drink regularly.

Don't forget to check Tapestry for pictures of your child, and if you haven't managed to sign up yet and would like some help please see your child's key worker. While you are there, please don't forget to like and comment on your child's posts.

Bug hunting! The children have had huge amounts of fun searching for bugs and building them homes. We had an awesome experience when we found a beautiful moth, named him Mop, and all helped to take care of him.

International Mud Day was a squidgy success! The children particularly enjoyed our sensory walk and mud pie competition.

How you can help

We've previously emailed you a letter about our committee and why we need to fundraise. These are just some of the ways you can support our preschool, from shopping online, to baking and collecting spare items at home!

Easyfundraising link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/banwellbuddies/>

Please join up if you can and help us to raise funds.

Consider lending your support to our garden project. Please see a member of staff if you think you can help. We'll be back in touch with a list of specific tasks we need tackling, but if you'd like to register your interest, please do so as that will make us extra happy!

Our heartfelt thanks to...

All of our garden helpers this term. You are all awesome for volunteering your muscles to help us keep the garden a lovely place for our children to play and learn.

Julia Jones for our tip runs. Thanks to you, we are waste-free!

Banwell in Bloom for our beautiful flowers. The children had so much fun planting them and they look glorious.

Our new committee! Thanks to everyone that volunteered! We're so grateful because Banwell Buddies remaining open depends on us having a full committee. More details next term.

Quality Improvement

We're always working hard and trying to improve what we do to make our preschool setting the best it can be for your little ones.

Staff training and development:

The team have been looking at all the roles and responsibilities of everyone working at the preschool in detail. This is so that we can utilise everyone's skills, experience and ideas within our brilliant team! We've welcomed Katie back after her maternity leave and we're so pleased that Nicola can stay on too. We'll update you all in September of any changes we make as a result of this work.

Transition arrangements:

We've had meetings with the new teachers of the children who are leaving us to go to school in September. We wish them all well in their new classes!

Our garden:

Chris Simms, one of our new parent committee members has offered to help move our plans for the garden forward. Please watch out for more information on this, and if you can offer your help, please speak to Chris or a member of our team.

Don't forget!

Please can all parents remember to empty their children's drawers at their last session with us. School leavers can also take their wellies and peg picture.

Thank you for your support with suncream. It has really helped our staff for all parents to apply their child's suncream before they come to Buddies for their session. Please continue to apply your child's suncream before you leave the building if you haven't managed to do it at home. This helps the staff to get the children out into the sunshine much more quickly!

The children also need a pair of wellies for stomping about in the garden. Little feet tend to grow quickly, so please make sure that the ones we have are the correct size for September and all the muddy puddles we'll be splashing in!

Invoices are due on the 7th of the month. Please remember to pay your bills on time so that we are not having to chase them up.

If anyone has a clear out over the summer we can always use small bean bags, spray bottles, stuff for junk modelling, socks, jugs and funnels and any other interesting containers!

Please remember to return all storytelling project books and books from our library back to preschool before the end of term.

If you find anything else you would like to donate to Buddies, please just double check with a member of staff to ensure that we need it first. Our building is small and storage space is really limited so we can't store things that we don't need. We really appreciate all offers of help and donations and everyone that thinks of us.



Healthy Living Week

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| Monday: | Mystery fruit guessing game
Smoothie-making |
| Tuesday: | Food groups
Fruit and vegetable tasting game |
| Wednesday: | Which vegetables do we like?
Balancing healthy foods and treats |
| Thursday: | Making freshly squeezed fruit juices
How do we keep our teeth clean? |
| Friday: | Salt experiment
Obstacle race and heartbeat observation
Derek the Dentist visit |

Daily activities include, child-friendly yoga and fun exercise activities.

16th - 20th July 2018