**Children are settling nicely back into nursery life after the Easter Break. We would like to Welcome Judy who has joined the team as our baby practitioner I’m sure we will all make her very welcome. Some dates for the diary this term:**

**First day of term: Tuesday 18th April**

**May Bank Holiday: Monday 1st of May**

**Half-Term: Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June.**

**Last day of term: Tuesday 25th July.**

**(Stretch funded children will receive no funding for the week beginning 28th August.)**

**The new academic year will begin on Tuesday 4th of September.**

**NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN MONDAY 1ST MAY AND MONDAY 29th May as we close on Bank Holidays.**

**Could I please ask anyone requiring childcare during the half term or summer holidays to book his or her space as soon as possible. Staff are now arranging activities and outings for the holiday club so spaces may be limited.**

# Outside Play.

The warmer days are vast approaching and the children chose to play in the garden more often. Can we please ask that children bring in sun cream, clearly labelled with their name. The setting due to allergies etc. does not provide Sun cream. Could we also ask that children wear appropriate clothing and shoes for their sessions ( flip flops and some summer sandals can be awkward for the children to play in). If possible could children bring a change of clothes, our spares are very limited and children can get very wet and dirty in the garden.

**Tapestry.**

As you will be aware we have been using tapestry online journals for some time now. This is a great tool that staff and parents enjoy using. We would like to remind parents that you can contribute to your child’s learning journey at home by adding comments to observations made by staff and also by adding your own pictures or accounts of any activities your children have carried out at home or places they have visited. The staff put lots of time into your children’s learning journals and time is becoming an issue. Staff are happy to carry out the write up of observations in their own time as they know how important these are for their development. Therefore staffs access the children’s learning journals in their own time, it is safe and secure as is how you access them at home. If you have any objections to this please inform a member of staff.

**Nursery Bookings.**

We would like to advise parents/carers that nursery numbers are rising rapidly and therefore we may not be able to accommodate changes to days and times from original bookings. We will endeavour as always to do our best but would appreciate your understanding when this is not possible. We would like to remind you that funded sessions can not be changed due to Bank Holiday closing or mid –week end of terms. Can we also remind parents/carers that fees need to be paid in advance.

**Head Lice**

Head lice have been reported. Could we please ask that you check your child’s hair and if necessary treat them accordingly. Head lice can be very distressing for some children, very uncomfortable and can distract from the children’s learning. Lotions can be purchased from pharmacies and most supermarkets. Chemicals are not necessary and we have provided instructions below for use without lotions. We would like to draw your attention to the last step. It is a two-week process before a child will be completely clear.

* **You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.**
* **Follow the instructions on the pack, but generally you:**
* **Use the comb on wet or dry hair, although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner**
* **Comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the end of the hair**
* **Repeat every few days for 2 weeks**

**Snacks.**

Can we please ask that children do not bring snacks to their session at nursery. Children have plenty of food throughout the day. We are also a healthy setting therefore sweets and chocolate are not appropriate. Some of our children that attend are not able to eat chocolate and it can be upsetting and tempting for them if they see other children eating such treats! Weaning babies are welcome to bring healthy snacks.