



Welcome to all our new starters! It has been so lovely getting to meet all our new children and their families and we still have a few more children to settle in over the next few weeks. Thank you for helping us to make them feel welcome, a friendly smile or hello while you are waiting to come in/pick up goes a long way.

As a way of introducing Chestnut to new people we are holding a couple of Chestnut Open Days this summer to let new families know what the nursery school has to offer by way of staff expertise, quality provision, exciting environment and play/learning opportunities for the children. Do help to spread the word to anyone looking for a nursery school place in September.

Our 2 open days for new families will be:

Tuesday 12th May @ 3.30pm—4.30pm

Tuesday 16th June @ 3.30pm—4.30pm

Since the Easter holidays the children have been loving reading the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and they loved making their own fruit kebabs. It was a great way to try new food, learn about healthy eating and retell the story. Our next topic story is The Train Ride and we will be thinking about different types of transport and vehicles and talking about our experiences.



In other news we have recently spent money from a locality grant on a night vision camera for the Apple Garden. The children have found it very exciting to think about what animals might live in our garden and come out at night. So far we have only seen pictures of plants but we will keep watching and maybe one day be rewarded with a photograph of a nocturnal creature like a hedgehog!



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April's Gallery



I can read—look there is a Crab!



Can I give you a lift?



We love to create.



Painters and decorators.



I can climb over the tunnels.



I can turn the pages by myself.

Other news

Power and Identity—parent workshop

Discovering 'Power and Identity' is a natural stage of development during which children develop a positive sense of self, individuality, and personal power. It is a stage of life where children start to understand their own emotions, build self-esteem, and learn to manage personal power responsibly. Helping children to navigate this stage isn't always easy though! To support parents and carers we are hosting a workshop which will look at ways we can help children grow and develop their 'power and identity' in a positive way. Do come and join us on, we look forward to seeing you on:

Thursday 21st May @ 9.15—10.15am

The session will be led by Sue, Families Service Lead and Emma, Lead Teacher

Playground update

Contractors have already been in to give quotes for our playground revamp over the summer holidays. We are looking to include climbing equipment for the children to practise their gross motor skills.

We are looking forward to seeing the new improved garden area in the autumn term!



Dates for your diary

Ongoing— every Monday stay and play session 9.30-11.00am

Thursday 21st May

- **Power and Identity workshop**

A workshop for parents to offer support, strategies and shared experience of the Power and Identity stage of childhood.

Friday 22nd May

- Last day of half-term

Monday 1st June

- First day of half-term

Tuesday 14th July

- Summer Picnic and Leavers Ceremony—details TBC

Wednesday 22nd July

- Last day of term

Monday 7th September

-First day back



