

Weekly Update

5th May 2017

Issue 3



GENERAL ELECTION

As you aware, a general election has been called for Thursday 8th June 2017. We have been informed that voters will be using our building. We have no say in this matter. Therefore, there will be no Nursery on site on the 8th June.

It is difficult to organise alternatives with only six weeks' notice. We are currently working with Newport Wetlands to see if we could possibly run sessions from there as we have been informed that we are obliged to offer an alternative if at all possible. No transport would be available however, we have been informed that buses run to the Wetlands. An adult would be required to stay to meet the requirements of Health and Safety Risk Assessments.

Nursery staff would provide activities for the children to do but you would also be able to use the play park and follow the walks. A letter with further details will follow with a form to indicate whether you will be joining us at the Wetlands but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible.

FETE/PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT DAY

Don't forget next Friday is our parental engagement day. **There will be no breakfast club that day and an over 18-year-old will need to stay with each child.** Although the Nursery will be open for the whole of the normal nursery session (9.15 – 11.45 or 12.45 -3.15) you and your child will be free to leave once you have experienced all the activities. You are also welcome to attend either session as you/an adult will be accompanying your child.

Glan Usk School, the Family Information Service and Kingfisher Wales (currently developing St. Matthew's Church) have agreed to attend as well

as those schools and community groups already mentioned.

If you have bric a brac, toys or books that you are able to donate please bring them to Nursery before Thursday 18th May. Nearer the day we will also be asking for contributions for the Cake Stall.

PARKING

The Police visited the Nursery yesterday expressing concerns about parents who block the entrance to Lord Street. Residents have been told to forward registration numbers to them. Parking there even for a very short time is still an offence. Please park in Junction Road not across the entrance to Lord Street.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

Children who have turned four between September 2016 and August 2017 will be transferring to school in September this year. The Nursery will be contacting the different schools to ensure transition for your child is as smooth as possible. Please let us know if the school contacts you with a date to visit.

LIBRARY VISITS

A small group of children visit the Library in Maindee every Wednesday. If you are free to help on these visits between 9.50 and 11.15 or 1.20 and 2.45 please see Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Edwards or Mrs Morgan.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 19th May – Fete (An adult will need to stay with your child - more details to follow)

Monday 29th May – Half Term

Thursday 8th June – Election (more details to follow)

Wednesday 21st June – Cultural Diversity Day – parent participation session

Monday 26th June – Active/Healthy Living Week

Friday 30th June – Stay and Play meeting in Woodland Park (session held off site with an adult to stay) *to include the Big Toddle!*

Monday 17th July – Written Reports to Parents distributed

Friday 21st July – Activity Day in Beechwood Park (session held off site with an adult to stay)

Check out our website for our policies,
prospectus and further information
at: www.fairoakschool.co.uk

Or our twitter: @FairoakNursery

We currently use emails, newsletters, notice boards, twitter, websites and word of mouth to inform parents. However, some parents still report they “did not know”. If you have any ideas of how we can get important messages across, please speak to a member of staff as we are always willing to consider new ideas. Please be aware that we are governed by strict data protection laws.

Unfortunately, as we are a small school our budget will not stretch to a commercial texting service that some schools use – but thank you to the parent who suggested it.