



## **Fir Trees Newsletter Summer Term 2021**

**WE REOPEN ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**WE CLOSE FOR ONE WEEK FROM 4pm FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**WE CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 5.30pm.**

Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a fantastic Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support with following all our procedures, especially wearing a face covering at the door. Not only does this protect you but also the staff team who see many families at the door daily.

Thank you for keeping children at home who are not well or just not quite themselves. Covid-19 has so many common symptoms in children that we do not want to take any risks.

Our focus this term is Spring and new life. We will be watching our ducklings hatch from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The children will be so excited to watch, feed and handle the ducklings. Our ducks are White Indian Runner Ducks and will return to their breeder as soon as they become too big for nursery.

We should be able to watch our tadpoles become frogs and our caterpillars become butterflies.

The children will experience the lifecycles of all the animals and creatures first-hand at the nursery and will hopefully be excited to tell you all about it when they get home.

### **Government Funding**

**The Government funding window finishes Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July for all private nurseries and nursery schools. This means that the last three days of our term will need to be paid for if you wish to attend (Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July). Please let us know if you will be attending and paying for these sessions.**

### **Reminders and Information for New Families**

- Please label all uniform, as several children have the same size and colour.
- Please label all lunch boxes and drinks.
- Please label bags.
- Please cut all cherry tomatoes, mini sausages, and grapes etc. Sausages and grapes need to be cut lengthways. This is to avoid possible choking hazards at lunch time.

- Drinks are available throughout the session and during our snack breaks, but please provide one from home if staying for lunch.

### **School Leavers 2021**

Please let us know which school you have been allocated and we can then prepare school transition information.

### **Phonics, Letters and Sounds**

Well done to all our children moving up to school in September 2021.

We have been doing lots of activities with our July 2021 school leavers to help them with their school transitions. The children are already recognising sounds at the beginning of words and hearing/repeating words that rhyme. Some children are successfully sounding out 3 sound words.

This complements the Jolly Phonics programme which our younger children participate in when they first start nursery and helps the children understand how sounds form words. We always put a copy of the letter sound we are thinking about in the porch for you to take home.

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