



February/March 2017 Newsletter

It is full steam ahead organising our main fundraising event of the year our Easter Fayre on Saturday 25th March at Milton Community Centre from 2-4pm. We have lots of exciting, fun packed games, some amazing raffle prizes from the local community and our ever popular cake stall, tombola, egg wall, soft toy games and lots more for all the family. It really is a fun packed afternoon so please pop the date on your calendar and come and support Cygnets. (We still need Easter Eggs, Items for the tombola and Individually wrapped sweets like Haribo, Chews etc. - Please bring into Cygnets and leave in the donation box in the foyer)

The Rota is in the foyer so please sign up if you can spare half an hour or more to help on one of the stalls at the Easter Fayre. All proceeds from this event go towards our Pre-School.

Lost Property

We have lots of items in the lost property tray, please have a look to see if any of this belongs to your child. Please ensure all clothing, Coats and Welly Boots are named.

Message from the Early Years Communcations Team

We advise that grapes are cut in half lengthways when sent for packed lunch to avoid choking.

We also recommend this for carrot sticks and apple slices.

Staff updates

Congratulations to Faye who has been promoted to Room leader in the Ladybird room and Sarah who has been promoted to Room Leader in the Bumblebee room. We would also like to say welcome to Debbie who now works in the Ladybird room 2 mornings a week.

The Cambridge Marathon

Faye and Sharon completed the Cambridge Marathon to raise money for Cygnets. Thank you to everybody who kindly sponsored them, please bring any sponsor money into the office as soon as possible.

Sickness Policy

We aim to provide care for healthy children through preventing cross infection or viruses and bacterial infections and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic trigger.

Please ensure you are aware of our Sickness Policy and after sickness or diarrhoea, we ask parents to keep children at home for 48 hours following the last episode.

We have a list of excludable diseases and current exclusion times. The full list is obtainable from www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374 and includes common childhood illnesses such as measles.

Car Parking

Can we please remind everybody when bringing a car to Cygnets we have NO parking at the setting. We have had some parents/carers unable to wheel buggies through to Cygnets due to people parking on double yellow lines and not in correct parking places. As you are aware, this is very dangerous and we advise parking on Humphries Way or the Lion and Lamb allow parking from the school and walking through the alley way from Willow Crescent.

Ofsted visit

We had our Ofsted visit on Tuesday 21st February, we will inform you of the outcome as soon as we can.

Big Lottery Fund

We are very excited to advise we have been awarded a grant to have a playground installed in our outside area. We will have a jungle themed single tower, log planters, chalkboard, wiper board and resin bound rubber flooring. This work will start on Monday 6th March 2017 so we will look forward to our "Grand Opening".

Community Links

At Cygnets, we aim to ensure children experience first-hand experiences of their community and the wider world. Our pets week in the Bumblebee room was a great example of this, allowing children to understand that some families have pets, and teaching them what pets need to be cared for. We would love to broaden the children's knowledge even further by having parents or carers come in to visit and maybe tell us about their jobs or hobbies. If this is something you would like to do, please let us know and we can arrange a time for you to come in. We are also planning on contacting the oral health team and asking them to come in and give a talk soon.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Requirements
Friday 24 March	Comic relief Day	Wear something Red or Spotty (we will have a collection s any donations appreciated)
Saturday 25 th March	Cygnets Easter Fayre	2-4pm at Milton Community Centre (Come and have fun and support us)
Thursday 30 th March	Last Day Term	
Tuesday 18 th April	1 st Day of Summer Term	
Monday 1 st May	May Day	CLOSED
Friday 26 th May	Training Day	CLOSED
29 th May - 2 nd June	Half Term	CLOSED
Tuesday 13 th June	Pre-School Photographer	Letter to follow
Monday 26 th June	Bumblebee room Annual Trip to Linton Zoo	Letter to follow
Tuesday 18 th July	Sports Day	Last Day of Term

