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Dear Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers,

We expect to be very busy during the next few months with a number of events so please keep up to date by reading our newsletter. The children will return to Nursery and Pre-school after the half term break on Monday 6th June. Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

*Catherine*

### **School Fund Subscriptions**

This term's donations of £13 are now due. Thank you to those families who have already given us their donation. The money goes towards snack and special events. For those families who have not yet given their £13 donation we would appreciate it if you could give this to a member of staff in the school office.

### **Farm Animal Visit**

On Monday 13th June we have arranged for a farm to visit school with a range of friendly farm animals. The children in Pre-school and Nursery will have the opportunity to touch and hold the animals while supervised by staff. These first hand experiences will enable children to talk about the animals they have seen and to explore their interests further during their nursery or pre-school sessions.

We would appreciate a £2 donation from families towards the cost of the farm visit. Please give this money to Lorraine in the Office, your child's key person or a member of staff in the Pre-school.

### **Borrowing books in nursery**

We really value the benefits of sharing books with children and encourage them to take books home to read with you. However, books are very expensive so we would appreciate it if you could check at home to see if you have any nursery books that have not been returned. We have now started to put a red spot on the front of books that are to be left in nursery and are not for taking home. These are usually special books that staff use on a daily basis with children. We do try to buy more than one copy of our very popular books so that there are enough to keep in school and to take home.

### **Sainsburys vouchers**

Thank you to everyone who has given us their Sainsburys vouchers. We would like to send these to Sainsburys soon so if you have any vouchers at home please put them in the box outside the school office by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. We will use the vouchers to buy sports and cooking equipment.

### **Arlesdene School Fair – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Please see the separate letter that has been sent out with details of the school fair, requests for help on the day and items for the stalls. We would like to borrow a barbeque and small freezer for the day of the fair, if anyone can loan either of these items it would be much appreciated.

### **'Off to Big School' workshop for the parents of children moving to Primary School in September**

This is a short session for parents on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 8.55am and 12.35pm. I will be talking with parents about ways in which they can help their child when they start their new school in September.

## Helping your child to be ready for Primary School

In order to help your child to be ready for 'big' school we would like the parents of those children who are leaving us in July to start encouraging their children to come into the nursery classroom on their own. They can then hang up their own coat, put away their belongings and go to join their group. This will help them to be ready for school in September.

## Summer is almost here

Please ensure that children have sun screen applied before arriving at nursery. Children attending all day will need to have a named bottle of sun cream in their bag so that it can be re- applied during the day. To further protect children please ensure they wear tops with short sleeves and closed in shoes (not Crocs) to prevent accidents to feet and toes.

## Wet weather

Although we have had some lovely sunny weather we are still likely to have rainy days when the children are in the garden. Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes and also has a pair of named wellington boots as we do not have enough for everyone in nursery.

## Pilates class

Cheryl, one of our parents, has now started to run pilates classes at Burleigh School on Mondays from 7-8pm and on Wednesdays at Hoddesdon Methodist Church from 7.30-8.30pm. Please contact Cheryl for further information, telephone 07890 862407 or email [cheryllocke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cheryllocke@hotmail.co.uk)

## Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Tammy, who works in nursery, on the birth of her baby boy who was born on Tuesday.

## Sports Day – Wednesday 13th July

This will take place on Burleigh field for children in school nursery. The morning session will start at 9.15am and the afternoon at 2.00pm. Parents and family are all welcome to join us. If it is wet on the Wednesday our sports will take place on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> at the same times.

## Diary dates

| Half Term 30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June |           |  |
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| 6 <sup>th</sup> June                                  | Monday    | Children return to Nursery and Pre-school                      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Monday    | Farm visit   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Tuesday   | School Photographer - Individual Photos                        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Friday    | Group Photographs  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Saturday  | Summer School Fair   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Monday    | Parents Invited to view learning journals - nursery            |
| 04 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Monday    | Parents Consultations Week - nursery                           |
| 08 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Friday    | Nursery children to visit Burleigh                             |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Monday    | Nursery children to visit Burleigh                             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Tuesday   | Sept 2016 Intake - New Parents Meeting                         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Wednesday | Sports Day 9.15am and 2pm, if rained off 14 <sup>th</sup> July |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Tuesday   | Nursery children to visit Burleigh                             |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                                 | Friday    | Last Day of Term   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Monday    | Inset Day Closed   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> September                             | Thursday  | Inset day Closed   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                             | Friday    | Closed for home visits   |