

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

Dates for your diary  
July 2022

Canada Day  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Eid Ul Adah  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Teddy Bear Picnic  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Happywoods Prom Day  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Mandela Day  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

From 1<sup>st</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Charity Donations

Friendship Day  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Last day for Funding  
children 15hrs  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Fee payers last day is  
17<sup>th</sup> August 2022

## Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to offer a warm welcome to all new families who have recently joined us. We are sure, that for your little one this will be a big adventure and they will have a fun time with us. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to speak to the Nursery Manager.

We like to remind you that as the weather is getting hotter, please bring in a sun hat and sun creams (factor 50 or above) for the children. We do like to spend more time in the garden however, we will avoid the hottest times of the day. We are excited that the weather is improving and have lots of exciting outdoor activities planned over the next few weeks.

## Charity Donations – From 1<sup>st</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July

The nursery pledge **is to raise £250.00 by the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022** to continue supporting the nursery chosen charity CCC – Children Change Colombia <https://childrenchange colombia.org/>. Their purpose is to protect the children that are at risk in Colombia from being taken from their families to form part of recruitment arm groups / sexual exploitation / exclusion from education. At Happywoods Nursery we believe that each child no matter what their social life background deserves the right to have an education in order to reach their full potential which wouldn't be possible without us playing our part. **TO DONATE from 1<sup>st</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022** the nursery Manager will be available to receive any kind donation you may be able to contribute to this great cause. Alternatively please pay to the nursery directly and put as reference charity donation so that we can forward the full amount to the charity.



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## What have we been doing in June?

The toddlers have been busy exploring natural resources and treasure basket in the garden where they enjoyed taking out and playing with the various resources. They also created many paintings which we have displayed in the room. The babies also enjoyed playing with the toy wild animals learning

their names, carrying out messy play to explore different textures and playing with many constructions' resources using blocks, soft blocks and train tracks.

We had a great time with the pre-schoolers where we spent a lot of time exploring the Garden. We created many structures using bricks and mud and really enjoyed messy play such as preparing salad using stones, grass and sticks. The children also learned about the importance of keeping their teeth healthy and the differences between healthy food and unhealthy ones.

### **Reporting your child's absence**

If your child is unable to attend nursery for any reason, for example, if your child is unwell or simply staying home for the day, please can you ensure that you call us 0203 417 2345 or send us an email to: info@happywoods.co.uk by 9am. We will only call you on the second day of absenteeism. Thank you for your corporation.

### **Dropping off / collecting your child**

If a different adult is collecting your child, please inform the member of staff or Nursery Manager on the day of drop off. The adult collecting your child **MUST** have your child's password and we should also have a picture either in the child registration form or send to us by email before collection time.

### **Parent reminders**

We are politely asking if your children could keep their personal toys at home. They can sometimes cause some problems within the setting with sharing and getting broken. It is also be hard to keep track of who they belong to. We understand some children have comfort items please talk to the Nursery Manager if you have any questions.

When parents are given any reports, please can feedback be given along with a signature so that we are aware that you have read the report and any contribution will help us with the panning of the child next steps.

**Fees-** Just to remind you all as we have new parents, fees are payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Any late payment will result in having a charge added to the fees.

It is important that all your children's clothes are named. We encourage the children to explore and get messy. Sometimes this does include a "splash" of paint and a "dash" of food, a "splash splosh" of water and much more. "Our motto at Happywoods is fun, fun, fun"!

### **Website, Facebook page and Instagram**

Our website, Facebook page and Instagram are updated on a weekly basis to show case activities & learning practices that take place at the setting.

## Illness & COVID19

Please keep up to date with the government guidance on Covid-19 and what parents/carers need to know which can be found in the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

## Tapestry

All Nursery children attending Frederick Bird Primary school can have a personal online Learning Journey which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us.

You can read more about Tapestry on their website: <https://www.tapestry.info/>  
If you are looking for help on using Tapestry they have a number of guides for relatives here: <https://eyfs.info/forums/topic/47795-tutorials-contents-page-for-relatives/>

## Planning – Occupations (People who help us)

Introducing children to the jobs done by 'people who help us' provide many learning benefits and improve their understanding of the world around them. There are lots of people who help us in the community and it's great to learn about how they help us in our day-to-day lives. Some of these people help us in emergencies, like firefighters, police and doctors and nurses. Other people help us to stay safe and healthy, like opticians, dentists and refuse collectors.

### Benefits:

Learning about adults' jobs provides children with many learning opportunities, especially if they are able to watch or participate in some way.

There are many opportunities for children to develop their vocabulary, as many occupations will use words or phrases that are specific for tasks – such as 'squidgee' for a window cleaner or 'prescription' for a pharmacist. Children may also use language to ask questions and make links between their own experiences and what they have seen or heard.

Many of the roles that you might look at will have some meaning for children. They might include the barber or electrician. By looking at such occupations, children increase their sense and understanding of their world.

There are many opportunities to highlight literacy when looking at 'people who help us', as most job roles involve writing. For some children, seeing how reading and writing occurs in the grown-up world can provide them with an impetus for their own early writing.

From looking at 'people who helps us', children can see different aspects of mathematics in the real world. This might include hearing numbers, counting where money changes hands, but also for occupations such as furniture removal, considering shapes and sizes.

Finally, learning about adult occupations and roles can be enlightening for children and, who knows, may prove to be a source of inspiration, especially for children who have limited knowledge of different job roles.

## Homework Challenges

Please spend time with your child to explore this month's challenge. The key persons will talk to the children about what they have learnt at home every week.

- Can you draw a sea creature that starts with any of the letters in your name? (Please send the drawing to the Nursery for a gallery arts and crafts)
- Role-play different people that help us. Can you draw a picture of a person that helps us? (Please send the drawing to the Nursery for a gallery arts and crafts)
- Can you find a book on Dinosaurs (you may have one at home or you could go and loan one from the library) and bring it to the nursery?

## Please remember:

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- Please ensure you have nappies, wipes, nappy bags and nappy cream for your little one.
- For your child's safety, please don't hold the door open to someone behind you.
- We have a non mobile phone policy in order to safeguard our children.
- Please label your little ones clothing, hats, wellington boots, sheets and blankets to avoid confusion.
- Nursery fees are due on 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and Childcare vouchers should be released 5 days before so that they arrive on time.
- Please arrive five to ten minutes before the end of your child's session in order to receive feedback.
- Please ensure that if you change your personal details, you keep them up to date at the nursery
- Please note that we have a late collection fee of £15.00 for the first 15 minutes and £15.00 for every 15 minutes thereafter.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: NURSERY CLOSURE DAYS 2021-2022

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - Last day of summer term for funding children only**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 - Last day for fee payers**

Last two weeks of August - 17<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August – Nursery closure for 2 weeks Summer Break

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