

Noises from the Farmyard, July 2024

The summer is proving as busy as always, we are managing to make the most of outdoor exploration although the weather doesn't appear to be on our side so far!

UP COMING DIARY DATES 2023

8 th -12 th July	Summer themed parent craft
30 th July	International Day of Friendship
26 th August	CLOSED Summer Bank Holiday
15-17 th September	Rosh Hashanah
19 th September	Talk Like a Pirate Day (Dress up day)

EXCLUSION REMINDER

Please may we remind parents that there is a **48 hour exclusion** after sickness and diarrhoea, this is from the last bout of either sickness or diarrhoea. So please do not send your child in until the exclusion period has ceased. There does seem to be a bug doing the rounds locally so your support with this is appreciated.

STAFF NEWS

As a team we celebrated Claire's marriage at the end of May. It was a beautiful day and Claire looked stunning! Congratulations Mr & Mrs Smith.

Kelly has been with us for the past month now and has settled into her role as nursery food handler well, it's lovely to have her as part of the team. Maria Roberts has now joined the Squirrels once again and continues to build bonds there, whilst looking forward to the new children joining them. Lisa Sweeny is enjoying her four day week, working Monday through to Thursday.

Lisa-Jane and Chanelle are very near to completing their level 5. We are very proud of them both. A huge amount of work goes in to completing the level 5, and both ladies have managed to do so whilst juggling work and their own families. Both Lisa-Jane and Chanelle are fantastic practitioners with real passion and dedication to the Early Years. An absolute asset to our team here at Beechoak Farm.

Sophie Shaw, Daisy, Brooke, Chloe Shaw and Lola continue to work their way towards their respective NVQ's. The end is now in sight for most of them. Keep going ladies!

SCHOOL LEAVERS & NEW STARTERS

The summer months bring a mixed bag of emotions. To our children leaving us to start big school we are so very proud of each and every one of you. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow and develop over these past years and get to know your quirky ways. You are all very ready for this next challenge so stand tall, be loud and have fun! We shall miss you, so please pop back to see us from time to time.

A big warm welcome to our new children (and their parents) we know these first few months will for many be unsettled and cause some worry but once you have grown to trust us and feel comfortable we have lots of fun and excitement ready for you. We look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and helping you to settle.

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SPORTS DAY

It was a fantastic day and the weather was fully on our side which is rare! It can be safely said that everyone had a fantastic time and the children blew us away with how well they competed! The yellow team won and were pleased to collect their medals and trophy! A real highlight had to be the dad's race however!

CURRICULUM

The past few months have seen some lovely themes explored from world bee day, and St. George's Day to world ocean day and summer solstice. The children have enjoyed exploring these themes and the teacher's seem to get more creative year after year!

UPCOMING CURRICULUM

We have lots of exciting themes planned for the upcoming months, some include the following:

30th July is International Friendship Day. We shall spend some time thinking about our friends, what makes them special and how our actions can impact others.

15th -17th September we shall celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year with the children.

19th September is Talk Like a Pirate Day. Children are invited to attend dressed as pirates on this day as we immerse ourselves in lots of pirate antics! Please feel free to support our celebrations by sending your child in dressed as a pirate on this day!

PARENT CRAFT

Parent craft will be running again next week with a summer craft theme! Some rooms still have spaces available so please drop an email to enquire if you would like to come along. Some rooms also have parents on waiting lists so please do let us know if you are no longer able to make it. We can then offer the opportunity to another parent.

Parent Craft will then be run again towards the end of the year. We will send details out closer to the time.

OBSERVATION, PLANNING & ASSESSMENT

Key people have clear learning goals/ plans for each individual child at Beechoak Farm. You will notice from your child's Tapestry observations

Observations: These are recorded via Tapestry in three different formats:

- Either linked to our planning for the child (#target)
- Showing 'wow' moments in their development (#wow)
- Showing their general experiences (#general).

Planning: We focus on the learning environment. By providing a rich learning environment we encourage children to become inquisitive active learners. We will introduce themes such as seasons and festivals through our learning environment. Children are then able to access the activities they choose. We incorporate individual children's interest whilst also incorporating the skills that we wish them to focus on. For example providing a play tray full of autumn items such as acorns and leaves alongside tweezers encourages the children to explore autumn as well as supporting their fine manipulative skills which are the pre-cursor to early writing skills.

Assessment: We assess your children through everything they do with us. Formal assessment by your child's keyperson is carried out every six weeks. This is not something your child would be aware of, more a reflection time for ourselves. Any concerns we have will of course be by feedback

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to parents. Please note your child's focus with the #target Tapestry observations and work on these at home.

Your role: Please do send photos and your own observations of your child whilst they are at home with you. These can all be easily uploaded to your child's Tapestry account by yourselves. We love to see what they get up to at home and the children love to use the photos to explain their adventures to the teachers and their peers. We are also then able to use their home interests to develop their planning!

TAPESTRY

We love to see what the children get up to whilst not at Beechoak Farm! Please do use Tapestry to upload photos of their experiences at home. We then use these to help us plan targets and inform our planning for your child. Please see the following link if you require help to add your own observation to Tapestry.

<https://eyfs.info/forums/topic/52487-how-to-add-an-observation/>

2024 APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

The application process for children starting school in September 2025 will open in November this year. Schools generally open for prospective parents to view from October onwards. We shall update parents as soon as we will have more information.

SPARE CLOTHES & WATER BOTTLES

We have very limited spare clothes for children who have accidents. Please ensure your child has sufficient changes of clothes left in a bag at nursery each day. Along with a water bottle that can be refilled.

BAGS FOR WELLIES

Could we please ask that everyone sends their child's wellies into nursery in a drawstring bag. This helps us to store them safely.

MOBILE PHONES

We are seeing an increase of people using mobile phones. For safeguarding purposes we ask you not to use your mobile phone once you are through the main school gate. Please finish any phone calls and refrain from answering calls whilst on the premises.

INVOICING

Is prepared and sent on or around the 20th of each month. If you are having trouble receiving these emails please do check your spam or junk files as sometimes they are delivered there. Payments are due on or before the first of the month, at which time the FEE Planner will take your direct debit payment. If you are using the childcare voucher please ensure that these are also with us on or before the first of each month. Direct Debit forms are available from the office.

Any account enquiries should be forwarded to Sophie from
accounts accounts@beechoakfarm.co.uk

PLEASE REMEMBER!

- Please do not allow the children to climb on the statue.

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- To ensure your child is sent in with appropriate clothing and footwear during the cold, wet winter months. No UGGs or UGG style shoes are allowed at nursery.
- For safeguarding purposes we ask you not to use your mobile phone once you are through the school gate. Please finish any phone calls and refrain from answering calls whilst on the premises.
- Please make sure that the main gate and gates through the field are fully closed behind you at dropping off and collection times.
- Please drive onto/ exit the premises with caution and reverse into parking bays for the safety of the children.
- Please call in the event of your child's absence especially if your child has a special diet. The office is open from 7.45am in the morning, alternatively please leave a message or email.
- Please drop off promptly at 9am as late drop offs disrupt the classes. Also can we remind parents to collect by 4pm or 5pm if your child is booked into tea club, any late collections are chargeable and extremely disruptive to our staff.
- Could we please also ask that siblings are not left unsupervised on the premises at drop off/ collection time. Please keep them with you at all times, we cannot be held responsible for their safety.
- Can you please refrain from sending food products in. We have many children with allergies and it is essential that they do not come into contact with certain foods.
- A notice board is situated outside the main office which is updated every Friday evening for the following week with the upcoming events, lunches etc. So please keep an eye on this so you do not miss out.
- Could we please remind parents to ensure that their child has enough nappies and wipes for the week.
- Please can we ask that if your child is sent home in spare clothes that they are returned, we are getting low on our spare clothes. Alternatively if you are having a clear out and have any spare knickers, pants, socks and trouser we would gratefully accept them.

Kindest Regards

Beechoak Farm Team