



Newsletter April 2019

Thank you..

A huge thank you to all those that took part in the 'Sponsored Listen' event that we have been supported by Usborne Books and their representative Elizabeth Andrew who is one of our parents. Between you all we managed to raise a whopping £1,181.84 and on top of this we were given an extra £709.11 so in total we had approximately £1,890.95 to spend on brand new books for the library and the rooms. The books have now arrived and we are look forward to sharing these with you soon! Please use the library with your children to take a book home when you would like to do so using the signing in/out book. Thank you again for your support. Elizabeth will be having a stall at the next parents' evening and she will be on hand to speak about the business and also you can use this opportunity to use the 'World Book Day' tokens.

Courtyard Plans

Just to inform everyone that as from Monday 8th April there will be continuing new developments for the courtyard area. Plans and designs have all been set in place and so now it's all systems go to get it finished as soon as possible so the children can be outside making use of their new areas which includes a new 'water play station', 'construction area' and a 'story house' filled with books and just outside of there also some creative boards to mark make. We can't wait for the transformation and we hope you love it as much as we and the children will. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time as we endeavour to keep the disruption to a minimum.

Dates for your diary

- **Friday 19th and Monday 22nd April:** Nursery closed - Easter holiday: Nursery reopens Tuesday 23rd April.
- **Monday 29th April:** Parent's Evening: From 6.30 -8.00pm
- **Monday 6th and Monday 27th May:** Nursery closed: Bank holiday.
- **Wednesday 12th June:** Poppies and Willows Leavers Photograph. (More information to follow)
- **Friday 12th July:** Poppies leavers trip. (More information to follow)
- **Wednesday 17th July:** Willows leavers trip. (More information to follow)
- **Wednesday 24th July:** Willows close for Summer break
- **Monday 26th August:** Nursery closed: Bank holiday.

Reminders

Monthly invoices—These contain staff holidays and events for the month which enable you to support your child with any changes in their room.

Website— The Nursery website is kept up to date on a regular basis providing key information and documents that are important to you as parents. Please take time to follow the link below to view these: <http://www.westlodgeruralcentre.co.uk/nursery/>

Notice board—Please take a moment to have a look at our nursery notice boards that are situated outside your child's room and in the foyer for further information and support.

Facebook—Please search 'West Lodge Day Nursery' to follow us on Facebook as we will be adding more information on a regular basis from your child's room.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Heidi and her husband John on the birth of a beautiful baby girl named Beatrix Ann. We were lucky enough to meet her for the first time on Thursday 4th April and both Mummy and baby are doing really well.

Congratulations to Emily who has taken over the role of Senior Practitioner in our Bluebells room to cover Heidi whilst on maternity leave.

We would also like to congratulate Georgia Laing from our Poppies room on her promotion to Senior Practitioner. As from 1st April Georgia became part of the West Lodge Management Team overseeing the running of Poppies room alongside her Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator role.

Congratulations also to Taylor who is based in our Snowdrops room on completing her Level 5 Diploma in Early Years. Taylor has been working very hard towards this qualification which is very well deserved.

Jodie is also due to complete her Level 3 Diploma in Early Years in June and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication towards this. Jodie is now part of the Poppies team and she looks forward to supporting the children in their development.

Staffing Updates

Over the last few weeks you may have noticed some staff changes and we would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the current and updated staffing structure within the nursery as shown below:

- **Nursery Manager**- Sharon Block
- **Deputy Manager**- Sharon Sawford
- **Buttercups**- Jenni Lee, Catherine Bates
- **Snowdrops**- Rebekah Rhodes (Senior), Julie Nicholls, Taylor Page, Lorna Mutebi, Jodie Goode, Aimee McGinty, Shannon Sinclair (apprentice)
- **Bluebells**- Emily Woodbridge (senior) Patricia Savage, Julie Hands, Sarah Stafford
- **Poppies**- Georgia Laing (SEnCo), Ben Underwood, Harriet Toynton. Emma McKechnie, Jodie Burrell (apprentice)
- **Willows**- Eva Northcott (Senior), Emma Leavis, Rebecca Milligan.
- **Bank staff**- Helen Hoyes, Amanda Tibbits, Laura Scriven.
- **Kitchen**- Julie Rapson (head of kitchen) Jeanette Evans, Charlotte Finnegan

Emma joined the Poppies in March as a full time member of staff and she holds a Level 3 qualification and she is settling well into her new role where she loves to be in the outdoors.

Shannon has joined the Snowdrops team at the end of March and is enjoying her role and has just completed her Level 2 apprenticeship and will soon be starting her Level 3.

Aimee has joined Snowdrops room as a full time Level 3 Nursery Practitioner. Aimee has some wonderful Reggio inspired ideas that she can share with other staff to enhance our new areas.

Julie is our new cook and she has 16 years experience within the childcare industry cooking for large numbers and she has settled in brilliantly alongside Jiny who assists with the day to day running of the kitchen.

Wedding Bells

Jenni has some exciting news as she is marrying fiancé Ben on Saturday 25th May. Jenni will take a few days annual leave leading up to her big day and will return a married lady on 29th of May. We are sure you will join us in wishing her the very best of luck, health and happiness in her new married life.

School Admissions

On Tuesday 16th April you will receive confirmation of the school your child will be attending in September please inform Sharon (Manager) to initiate the transition process as soon as possible.