

Little Nursery Newsletter July 2021



Term dates

Tuesday 20th July - Children's last day in school

Wednesday 21st July - Teacher Training Day

Thursday 22nd July - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Thursday 2nd September- Teacher Training Day

Friday 3rd September - NEW SEPTEMBER CHILDREN ONLY

For children returning in September first day back is Monday 6th September

Half Term holiday - Monday 25th Oct - Friday 29th Oct

Goodbye

At the end of term we are saying goodbye and wishing a happy retirement to Mrs Cullen, and Mrs Probert. We are also saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Cassisi



Mrs Cullen has been a teacher at Stockingford for 8 years. She has taught the children of many families during her time with us and will be really missed by both the children and the staff team, who benefit from her calm and reassuring manner. Mrs Kindred, Mrs King and Mrs Phillips will continue as our qualified teachers in Nursery School.

Mrs Probert has been our School Business Manager for 18 years. She knows so much about finance, health and safety and how our building works! Mrs Probert is always willing to help anybody and we will really miss her friendly smile and positive attitude. Miss Ward is our new School Business Manager and she will be based in the office with Mrs Fulford.

We are so grateful to Mrs Cullen and Mrs Probert for all they have done for us over the years. We wish them both a very long and happy Retirement.

Mrs Cassisi has been with us for 12 years. As well as having a real flair for creating wonderful teaching and learning spaces, we have also enjoyed many wonderful sessions of Forest School that she has planned and delivered.

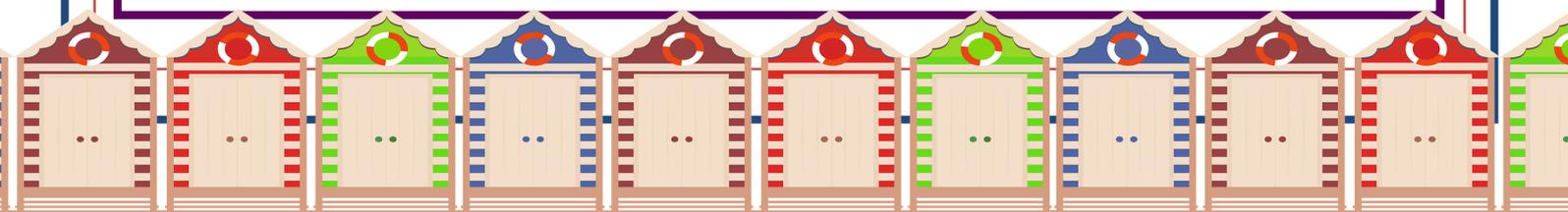
We would like to thank Mrs Cassisi for everything she has done for the children and families at Stockingford and wish her all the very best for her new ventures.

Welcome

We would also like to offer a warm welcome to our new member of staff, Miss Ward our new School Business Manager.



On behalf of the Governors and staff we would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing our returning families in September.



If your child is absent

Please remember to contact the Centre on the day your child is going to be absent, you can either:



Telephone **02476 383708**

Text **07511 213751**

(please ensure you put your child's full name and the reason for their absence in the text)

They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Nursery.



Please could you make sure all your phone numbers are up to date if not please let the office know of any changes.

REMINDER

If your child is having to self-isolate can you phone 02476 383708 or if they have taken a COVID test, please can you email the results to **parents1041@welearn365.com**



Warwickshire 50 Things to Do

Warwickshire have developed an APP and website to support activities and home learning experiences. This provides a range of different activities that you may like to try, local links, research, developmental information & a SEND section. There is also a Google translate option that can be used to translate materials to your home language. This is a free service that may be fun to explore during the Summer holidays to give some suggestions for fun activities to try together at home.

<https://warwickshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/about-50-things>

Consents

If your child is returning in September and you would like to update any details or consents, please can you let the Office know.

Thank you.



Teaching and Learning



We are very excited because our sunflowers have opened, they look beautiful.

We have got lots of pea pods on our pea plant, the children have also been singing 'Five fat peas'.



The children have been making red and white pictures celebrating England's football matches.

We have been able to use the Big Nursery garden, the children have enjoyed being able to run around in the larger area and use the larger climbing equipment.

We have started to talk about some of our children leaving to go to Big Nursery, and sharing stories.

The children have enjoyed the story 'Banana' about sharing and emotions.



Online Safety

We subscribe to the WCC broadband plus digital safeguarding service to keep children safe online.

This meets the requirements of the Keeping Children Safe guidance and the prevent agenda.



Please see the information below from the Local Authority.

Please note that the government's guidance has changed so that people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 or who are a close contact can also take a PCR test even if they do not have symptoms, as they are at higher risk of being infected. People with symptoms, even if they are mild are also recommended to organise a test. Please promote this message in your setting to enable early identification of positive cases, so that risk of transmission can be reduced.



Recycling Week

June 2021



The children at Little Nursery have recently been exploring and making learning discoveries about Recycling. We have been teaching about the importance of looking after our environment and recycling unused products for a different purpose. Through play based activities, the children have enjoyed using a large cardboard box play mat for cars, using recycled kitchen utensils for a music wall, making skittles with recycled bottles, junk modelling and using recyclables for a water wall.

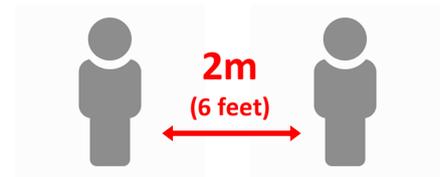
Face coverings and Social distancing

Face coverings are recommended to be worn outside the building when dropping off and collecting children (unless you are exempt).



Parents/carers in Little Nursery are requested to wear face coverings inside the building (unless you are exempt).

Please adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rule



Thank you for your understanding to ensure we keep everyone safe.

Makaton signs of the Month - July

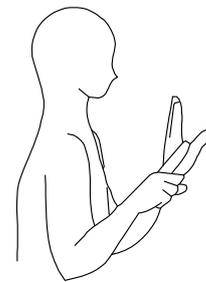
We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



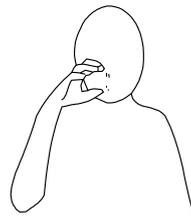
We are proud to say we are a Makaton accredited School



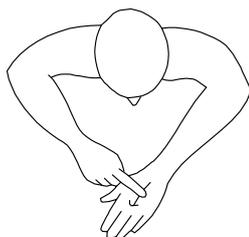
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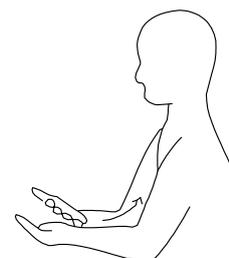
Yellow



Orange



Blue



Green

Well being corner

LOOKING AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Ahh the school holidays...time to relax and enjoy some sunshine (if the weather allows).



For many of us, summer is the season of fun and freedom but for some of us it can become stressful. Below are some valuable tips for supporting your mental wellbeing.

Don't do away with the routine - Long lie-ins are a must sometimes but if you're sleeping lots every day, it can have a negative impact on your mental health. It's ok to relax your routine a little - we're not suggesting 6am starts - but try to go to bed at a reasonable time and get up not much more than an hour later than you normally would. Have a shower and get dressed, even if you've got no planned. You'll feel refreshed and more energised.

Get planning - If you're struggling to get motivated, planning your time can help. Give yourself something to do every morning and afternoon, and make sure you have a good mix. Schedule in some time for gaming, reading or watching TV and add in a couple of chores.

Practise a summer of self-care - Self-care is all about being kind to yourself, listening to what your body and mind need and making time for the things that make you feel good. Check in with yourself each morning and evening to see how you're feeling and if there's anything you need. Sometimes a few minutes of mindfulness, a short walk or a nice relaxing bath can do wonders. Try making a list of some feel-good activities and plan them out for the weeks ahead.

Enjoy the great outdoors - It might feel like we're miles from the countryside but there's more to see than you might think. There are beautiful parks and nature reserves such as Coombe Abbey and Hartshill Hayes. Whatever works for you, try to get outside at least a few times a week.

Stay connected - If you can't meet up with your friends over the summer, six weeks can feel like a lifetime. Having some company is important for everyone, so make an effort to catch up with family members and keep in touch with friends if possible.

FUN THINGS TO DO THIS

Summer



1. Paddle in the sea or shallow river with a friend

2. Walk barefoot in the grass



3. Do bubble paintings - straws, paint and washing up liquid



4. Make a seasonal fruit smoothie (even better go fruit picking for it)

5. Cook sausages on a BBQ, Fire pit or open fire with an adult

6. Go for a walk and take a picnic for halfway



7. Play the car colour game
Have a water bomb fight

8. Run under a water sprinkler



9. Go sand dune jumping

10. Watch a full sunset

11. Watch a full sunrise



12. Do a butterfly painting

13. Learn a new song

14. Learn a new poem

15. Go on a bear hunt

16. Make your own musical instruments



17. Make fruit cocktails complete with mini umbrella

18. Make your own muffin pizzas



19. Go to an outdoor show/fair/market

20. Visit somewhere in your locality

21. Visit a different locality and send a postcard from there



22. Have a mad hair day

23. Wear PJ's all day

24. Camp (outside or in)

25. Ride a pony (make a pool noodle one)



26. Have a topsy turvy day (breakfast for dinner, pudding first)

27. Have a day without electronics

28. Find an unusual place to read a book

29. Make real lemonade with real lemons

30. Create a tropical setting in your home or garden and have a tropical day

31. Have a cinema day at home

32. Make popcorn from corn

33. Make a picture collage of your summer



PEGI provides advice regarding the age suitability of a game. However, every child is different. Ultimately parents should decide what their children are capable of viewing or experiencing:

- Always look for the age classification on the game package or in the digital store.
- Try to look for a summary or review of the game. Ideally, play the game yourself or...
- ...play video games with your children, it's the best way to learn about them. Watch over your children when they play and talk with them about the games they play. Explain why certain games may not be suitable.
- Agree on the amount of time that can be spent playing games per week.
- Encourage your children to take regular breaks.
- Be aware that games can enable the purchase of additional downloadable content.
- Online games are played in virtual communities allowing players to interact with unknown fellow players. Tell your children not to give out personal details and report inappropriate behaviour.
- Set limits (age, time, spending, online access) by using parental control tools.

PEGI ratings: explained

3 <small>www.pegi.info</small>	Game is considered suitable for all ages. Comical violence.
7 <small>www.pegi.info</small>	May contain some frightening scenes. Violence is unrealistic and directed towards fantasy characters.
12 <small>www.pegi.info</small>	Slightly more realistic violence. Mild language used by characters. Sexual posturing and innuendo feature.
16 <small>www.pegi.info</small>	Violence towards human characters, including death. Sexual activity within game, but no visible nudity. Use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco by characters.
18 <small>www.pegi.info</small>	Adult classification. Violence, death and destruction within game. Characters may glamourise drugs, alcohol and crime and use expletives throughout.

All games released in the UK will have one of the following PEGI age ratings on the packaging: 3, 7, 12, 16 or 18. The rating means that the game shouldn't be played by a young person under that age.

Film Classification Guidance

<https://www.bbfc.co.uk/about-classification/classification-guidelines>

(British Board of Film Classification)

	Universal. Suitable for everyone, and contains no content unsuitable for children.
	Parental Guidance. Contains content unsuitable for younger children.
	Cinema rating only. Those aged 12 and under should be accompanied by an adult.
	Unsuitable for under-12s. No sales to anyone under the age of 12.
	Unsuitable for under-15s. No sales/entry to anyone under the age of 15.
	Unsuitable for under-18s. No sales/entry to anyone under the age of 18.

Advice & Support

Family Support Drop In for advice for all families in Warwickshire

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

Duty Line 01926 412412
9am – 4pm Monday – Friday



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Family Information Service (FIS)

The Family Information Service (FIS) is a helpful friendly service which supports families with a wide range of needs. Not sure who can help? give the team a call, and they can offer advice and support.

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare health and wellbeing



They are available every Monday to Friday (except bank holidays) 9am to 5pm by phone 01926 742274 or email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk. You can also message on Facebook WarwickshireFIS.

Remember FIS are available when school is closed over the summer break, so please don't hesitate to contact them if you need any sort of support.

Warwickshire Health Visiting
TEXT Chat Service

ADVICE & SUPPORT

for parents of pre-school children in Warwickshire

TEXT: 07520 615293
9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday

We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only, which will be charged at your normal rate.

THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY SERVICE
For urgent medical attention please contact your GP or call 111 or 999

CHAT Health

A texting advice service for parents and carers of the pre-school child.

If you have any questions about your pre-school child, or your own health and well-being you can use our texting service 07520 615293 anytime. A health visitor will aim to text you back within 2 hours in normal working hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays).

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