



BIRCHFIELD PREPCARE DAY NURSERY



Spring
2018

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs Penny Shevyn!

We are very pleased that this is not a goodbye and would like to welcome you to join us in congratulating Penny on her new role as Support Manager. Penny has been the wind in Prepcare's sail and has not only provided Birchfield with her endless knowledge, experience, love and care but also the other four nurseries in the Prepcare family. Although Penny is kicking starting her journey to retirement we continue to look forward in seeing her around the nursery. ☺

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs Sue Lawrence!

Please join us in congratulating Sue on her new role which commences from 5th March as the new Nursery Manager. Sue has been a great asset to the nursery since joining us and will continue the nursery's growth in leaps and bounds! ☺

WELCOME to all the new starters who have joined us over the past few weeks. All are settling in well and adjusting to nursery life ☺



Congratulations to

Tina Emery on the birth of her second daughter and to Elizabeth Fencott who gave birth to her son.

Staff

We would like to wish Miss Flemming the best of luck in her new job at Birchfield School.

Please extend a warm welcome to Karen and Lindsey. Karen has joined us as a member of our 'Bank Staff' and will be working throughout the nursery.

Lindsey will be based in the Pre-School Room as the new leader.

Safety Notice

A polite reminder to all parents/visitor's **NOT** to open the door to others. A member of staff will be happy to assist in this.



Happy Birthday to all children and staff who celebrated their birthdays in January, February, March and April.



Dates to remember:

Mon 19th - 23rd Feb - Half Term (*Shropshire*, Staffordshire, Wolverhampton and Birchfield)

Mon 26th Feb - Spring term continues for all.

Mon 5th Mar - Birchfield School Open Evening for prospective children going to school 2018 and 2019 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Thurs 8th & Sat 10th Mar - Open Day 10am - 12.30pm

Thurs 29th Mar - Easter Break (*Shropshire*, Staffordshire, Wolverhampton and Birchfield)

Fri 30th Mar & Mon 2nd Apr - Nursery Closed - Good Friday, Easter Monday

Thurs 12th April - Staffordshire schools back

Mon 16th April - *Shropshire* and Wolverhampton back

Wed 25th April - Birchfield back

News from the Rooms

Babies: We have enjoyed lots of creative activities such as gluing, sticking, and painting, pictures for Chinese New Year, Valentines Day and Pancake Day. We have also enjoyed food tasting sessions for the above celebrations. We will continue with craft activities to create and replace our wonderful display boards. We look forward to more outside play as the weather hopefully gets better! This will be done by walks around the grounds, enjoying the small bikes, trikes and outdoor resources.

Tweenies: We have been exploring the outdoors, splashing in the puddles and recognising the different types of weather. We have enjoyed messy play and textures by mixing sand and water as an area for our small world dinosaurs, flour play, corn flour, filling and emptying pasta into containers. We have explored language to describe what we are doing, i.e. 'more, pour, in, out, gone'. We will be looking at and celebrating Easter through cooking and craft activities.

Toddlers/Intermediates: Toddlers have experienced many sensory activities. They have explored colourful, scented gloop and playdough, mark making in glitter, hunting for treasure in shredded paper, discovering dinosaurs in the nature tray, as well as lots of painting and sticking fun! Throughout the term the Toddlers will continue to explore the outdoors more by discovering new creatures and planting seeds.

The Intermediates have been looking at Winter and have created some lovely pictures and snowmen. We have been talking about our families and sharing pictures with our friends at circle time. Thank you to all parents that have kindly brought pictures in. We have also looked at healthy eating by exploring healthy and unhealthy foods. Throughout the term we will be looking at Spring and the changes we can see in our environment. We will also do this by planting our own flowers.

Pre School: We have been bird watching, looking at hibernation and the wonderful things we found in the woodland. We have also celebrated Valentines Day and talked about the people who love us. In addition to this we collected sticks to make Valentines Day mobiles. We have thoroughly enjoyed lots of craft and cooking activities and also continued with our Jolly Phonics and number recognition.