



Greenacres Farm success!

Birthdays of the month:

1 year old

Josh and Daniel

2 years old

Ellie, Sadie and Callum

3 years old

Jake, poppy and Rocky

It took a lot of preparation especially from Natalie. All of the fund raising made the day a great success. Monday 22nd June, three coaches pulled up outside the nursery and we began to load the car seats and children, not forgetting the packed lunches, parents and staff. It was a short drive to the farm and with the rain holding off we unloaded ourselves and entered the farm. Arrangements for lunch were made for 11:30 in

the barn. We all went off to look at all the different animals. We even fed the chickens and ducks. Some of us went to play in the playground on the swings and slides. Soon it was lunch and we tucked in to sandwiches, crisps, sausage rolls, fruit and cakes washed down with juice. We then split in to two groups. Rooms 1, 2 & 3 went on the tractor ride to see cows, horses and a pig race. We sang along as we went around and fed the animals with the driver. Rooms 4, 5 & 6 went to feed the lambs, goats and pet some of the young animals at the farm and ask can we take one home? There was again more time to enjoy the play ground and a lolly ice, a cup of tea was needed for most of the adults. Then the groups swapped activities. Soon it was time to leave and we all said goodbye to the animals and set off for the nursery. It was a very quiet drive back as most of the children fell a



sleep and some adults! Once at nursery we unloaded children, bags, prams and car seats, with the help of some parents and our builders. A great day was had by all. Many thanks to all the parents for their support in making this trip a great success. Lets see if we can do it again next time, any suggestions as to where?



Holiday club.

We have recently been successful in our application to Ofsted to increase numbers for the introduction of a holiday club. The holiday club will run from 24th July to 4th Sept. The children can be aged between 4 and 8 years old. Opening times will mirror nursery times and allow parents to drop siblings off at the

same time.

Our conference room, library and part of the staff area have been modified to cater for this group and Sam will be leading the club along with other staff.

The children will eat the same meals that are prepared for the rest of the nursery (see menu outside office for

further details).

Plans for trips out and lots of exciting activities have been organized. There will be the use of a computer, wii game console, (limited use only) and plenty of projects, crafts, games, puzzles and outside fun.

If you wish to book a child in or know someone who is

interested please let the office know asap as there is limited places. This club will also run on any of the school holidays/half terms. If you are interested in a place, places can be per-booked.



Messy play room.

After all the planning and building work that has been going on in the back garden, the messy play room was finished in May. This room includes a large sand pit, a very interesting water tray as well as an arrangement of paints, pencils, chalk and crayons for a the large easel.

The room itself was an old toilet back in the days when the nursery was a pub, we removed the toilets and used the room to store all the children's outside toys.

This year a grant was given to help us fund the conversion of this room and the building work began.



We had a few ups and downs especially when a hole was made in one of the walls only to reveal another small room which we didn't know about. More space for us to play with! The wall came down and more space was gained. The floor was raised, lights and heating were fitted.

The room was decorated and then it was time to fill it with our delights.

Sand, all one tone of it was delivered and it had to be moved into the pit by bucket, wheel barrow or any other container we could find, what fun we had.

All age groups use the room and have a great time in there. No mess is to much!

Graduation Day.

On Friday 7th August, 4.00pm, we will be holding a graduation ceremony for all those children who will be leaving us to move on to school or nursery. Our children leave and attend many different schools including; St Monica's, St Elizabeth's, English Martyrs, St Lukes, Longmoore Lane, Waterloo, The Trinity, Bedford Road and All Saints which we have

close ties to. Parents who would like to buddy up with other parents and children attending the same school please speak to Alex and Bev for further information.

The ceremony will take place in the afternoon at 4.00pm followed by a small party tea afterwards. You are invited to come and see your child walk down the red carpet for their award.



Photos of your child in their cap and gown will go on sale ASAP. Please see any of room 5 and 6 staff for further details.

Other News



Congratulations to Sue from room 4 who had a baby girl called Sophie, weighing in at 11lb 13.oz.

Congratulations to Ben in room 4 who had a brother called Sonny, and Layla also in room 4 has a new brother called Dominic.

Welcome to our new staff, Christina, Jennifer, Rebecca and Sarah.

We also say a big Good Bye to Joanne who has moved on to pastures new along with Holly and Lisa who will be leaving in August.

A final goodbye to all of our graduates who are leaving for school. Good luck!

Well wishes to Dom who has been in hospital and to Jenny Mac after her fall. Anything for a day off work!