



Newsletter – Summer 2018

Welcome back!

Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely Easter and all the chocolate eggs have now been eaten.

We had great fun at Coombs residential home and thank you to everyone who made it a success. It is so important that we work closely with the community.

Holiday club had lots of chocolate activities but also some great outdoor activities and we now have a cooker, so we can be a bit more adventurous with our cooking activities.

Hellos and Goodbyes!

Welcome to Vicky, our Deputy Manager at Parkend.

Vicky is based at Parkend nursery, but you will be seeing her at Ellwood especially at holiday club time.

She has been with us for a month now and is a welcome addition to our team.

Staff News

Congratulations to Maggie who completed her NVQ Level 2 in Child Care! She is no longer an Early Years Assistant, but an Early Years Educator. Well Done Maggie!

Tara and Amber have completed an online course on Speech and Language. They shared their new knowledge with the whole team at our meeting. Well Done Girls!

All Ellwood and Parkend staff have had Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDSCO) training.

Catherine is now the named SENDSCO at Ellwood and she will support the team with any children with special educational needs and disabilities.

And finally...

Congratulations to Paul (Nursery Director) and his bride to be Kim who will be getting married on Friday May 25th, 2018.

Also, congratulations to Teresa (Parkend - Senior Early Years Practitioner) and Matt who are going Elvis crazy and renewing their vows in Las Vegas in the half-term holidays.

Snacks for the Summer term

This term we are asking that parents ensure they bring in some snack to share with the other children.

If you are unable to bring in snack for the snack bowl we are asking for a donation of 50p per session.



This term the focus for snack is:

**Breadsticks,
dips
and exotic fruits**

The children look forward to tasting different food and enjoy sitting down to snack together.

Please remember we have a no nut policy.

Clothing



Children must not wear flip flops or crocs as they are not suitable when playing on our equipment.

Parents should ensure that their child's clothing provides adequate protection from the sun. Arms and ankles being prime areas of concern.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniform. The uniform is reasonably priced and excellent quality. If you would like to order some, please follow the link below:

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/mia-rose-nurseries/21891.school?t=1506499521026&source=others>

Sun Safety



Hopefully we will get some good weather and therefore, need to ensure that the children are protected against the sun and heat!

Please ensure your child has a hat each session that has their name in and is in a place that your child can access easily.

Please can you apply sun cream before they attend nursery. If your child is staying all day please supply sun cream labelled and we will apply again in the afternoon.

Our policy is available on the website:

http://www.miarosenurseries.co.uk/ENG/Mainfolder/Ellwood/Downloads/Policies/pdf/Sun_Cream_Policy.pdf



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Lunches

From May 1st the cost of hot lunches will be added to your invoice. We are unable to take lunch orders on the day so please make sure you inform the manager that your child would like hot lunches in advance. Menus are available to take home.

Drop-off times

Gate will be open from 8:00 – 8:40 for Breakfast club children to arrive.

After that the gate will be locked until 9am. We need to wait for all staff to be in and settled before we can let the children in.

Thank you for your patience. If you want to drop off earlier, that can be arranged, please fill out a session change form.

Development Plans

We successfully completed all our priorities from last term including a mathematical audit of our learning environment.

Catherine and Vicky have supported the team to implement changes to either practice or enabling environments over the spring term.

We then did some analysis, looking into areas of learning from last term using Tapestry, and mathematics, especially numbers, made the most progress! We are continuing our mathematics audit this term with a focus of Shape, space and measure.

Please find our new development plan up on the parent's boards in the cloak room.

Question of the Term

The question is prominently displayed on the parent's board in the cloakroom. This term we have decided to include it in the newsletter.

Do you feel our setting and staff are welcoming to you and your children?

Please vote using the parents board in the cloak room and add any comments on the clipboard too. We value your voice and ideas.

Learning walk

Helen, Paul and Catherine did a learning walk last term to spot any areas of development or maintenance.

As you might have noticed, Ellwood is having a freshen up with the art studio getting a new lick of paint and the hallway and upstairs toilet being painted too.

We have ordered some additional resources such as a new kitchen for the role play, a domed fish tank and have a lot more to come. So, keep an eye out of all the lovely new resources.

Sponsored walk

All the children did a fabulous job completing their sponsored walk every day around the school field.

Please can you bring in your sponsorship money as soon as possible.

We can't wait for our new shed for the garden.

Certificates and medals to follow.

Annual Charity Fundraising:

Mia-Rose Mountain Madness September 2018

This year we have decided to fundraise for The Air Ambulance. Staff from all three Mia-Rose nurseries will be attempting to climb Snowdon.

We are planning our climb in early September. We are in the process of finalising arrangements.

We will be issuing regular updates on how our plans are progressing.

Details of how you can contribute will be published in due course.

Thank you for your support.



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Half-term Holiday Club

28th May - 1st June

The details for this are already on our website:

www.miarosenurseries.co.uk.

We have an exciting array of activities for the summer half-term holiday club.

If you fancy a day to yourself, have to work or something has caught your child's eye then book in. It is open and suitable for children up to the age of 11 years.

What's on this term:

Stay and play

9th & 10th May 2018

An opportunity to come in to nursery and see what we do. It is also a lovely time to play with your child.

If you can make it, you will get a little something to relax when you get home.

9th May 2018: between 10-11am & 1.30-2.30pm

10th May 2018: between 10-11am & 1.30-2.30pm

If you would like to attend, please fill in and return the form at the end of this newsletter.

We would love to see you.

Royal Wedding Party

18th May 2018

Friday 18th May – 1:30 – 2:30 we will be having a party to celebrate the Royal wedding.

Dress in red, white and blue!

There will be party games fun and dancing.

Photographer's Visit

Monday 21st May 2018



Leavers only.

Please arrive no later than 09.00.

Meet at the school hall.

Individual photos of the school leavers will also be taken but not families.

Father's Day Forest Fun

16th June 2018

Helen and Catherine will be in the woods at Ellwood on Saturday 16th June from 10.00 – 12.00pm.



There will be races, games and log circle snacks. Please come along with your friends and family.

There will be a donation box and any money raised will go towards the nursery's chosen charity of The Air Ambulance.

Garden Party/Open Day

Thursday 14th June 2018



In conjunction with the primary school we are holding an open day on the morning of 14th June 2018.

The nursery doors will be open from 9.30 – 11.30.

The nursery will be open and fully working so prospective parents can get a real feel for the nursery.

If you know anyone who is looking to start their child, in September 2018 or indeed in the future, at an Outstanding nursery, Breakfast Club or After School Club, please invite them along!

In the afternoon we are holding a **Garden Party** and would love you to come with your family and friends. The nursery children will be having a little singsong in the log circle so don't miss it.

If you could make supply or make a cake, please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter and let us know if you will be attending.

Graduation Day

Monday 2nd July 2018

Graduation ceremony in the School Hall for children leaving in July 2018 for primary school. Starts 09.30 and will last about an hour.



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Nursery Sports Day Monday 2nd July 2018

This will be held on Monday 2nd July at 13.30 pm. It would be appreciated if your child could attend nursery in their sports kit. If your child does not attend nursery on that morning, please meet us at the school grassed area.

Parents and friends encouraged to stay and cheer on their child.

Formal Parents Consultations Thursday 12th July 2018

Day and Evening – formal parents consultations

An opportunity for parents and families to reflect upon their child's progress with their child's key person.

We will contact you in due course with details of how to book your consultations.

Family Picnic Thursday 19th July 2018

12.30-14.00

Bring in a picnic.



The Nursery will provide picnics for children who have ordered hot lunches on this day.

Parents welcome to join us.

Parkend Carnival Monday 27th August 2018

We are so excited, this year we have had a kind donation of a lorry from Cecil's in Blakeney which will enable us to take part in Parkend Carnival.

We will be designing a float around the theme of:
"If you go down to the woods today....."

We will be joining with Parkend Nursery's families too.

There will be more information to follow. If you have any questions, please ask Catherine in the first instance.

Term Dates

Summer Term - Starts	16 th Apr. 2018
Half Term Holiday - Starts	28 th May 2018
Half Term Holiday - Ends	1 st June 2018
Summer Term - Ends	19 th July. 2018
Summer Holiday Club - Starts	20 th July. 2018
Summer Holiday Club - Ends	31 st Aug. 2018
Winter Term - Starts	3 rd Sept. 2018

Thank you for your continuing support,

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Please print, complete and return this form to the Nursery if you would like to attend a "Stay and Play" session.

Name of Child:

I would like to come to the Stay and Play on:

9th May 10th May *Please tick one box only*

between

10-11am 1.30-2.30pm *Please tick one box only*

Signed (Parent)

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Thursday 14th June 2018

Please print, complete and return this form to the Nursery if are able to contribute a cake or if you intend to come to our garden party.

Name of Child:

I intend to come to the Garden Party

I can supply a cake

Signed (Parent)