



April 2021

Dear Parents,

The children have had a fabulous time enjoying the sunshine at nursery. Upstairs this week we have been exploring and embracing Daffodils and the downstairs children have been learning about Easter. We have loved watching the Easter Bonnet parades all week, thank you so much for your support with this. The children look fabulous in their homemade creations! We are finishing our Easter celebrations with a party tea this afternoon. Nikki is busy baking bunny shaped Easter biscuits, they smell delicious!

Suncream - we provide suncream (Factor 50) for your child to have applied at nursery when it is sunny/warm (unless you tell us differently). If your child is prone to allergic reactions/has very sensitive skin and you wish to provide your own, please provide this asap. Please hand to a member of staff to be stored at nursery, paperwork will need to be completed (it cannot be left in your child's nursery bag and come backwards and forwards). However, we ask for your co-operation in applying suncream prior to nursery so we are not held up getting outside first thing. We reapply after lunch on sunny days but as you can imagine it can take a very long time to correctly apply suncream to all of the children so your support in the morning is very appreciated. If you have not applied suncream to your child you will need to tell staff in the morning, we will presume it has been applied before coming to nursery unless told differently.

Sunny days - we ask that you check your child's nursery bag and add more 'summery' items now please - remember shoulders must always be covered for safe play in the sun, so please no strappy tops as we do spend most of the day in the garden. Also, dungarees are not suitable for children being independent in toileting skills so elasticated waist trousers/shorts are best. Shoes should have backs on them (not flip flops) as the children love to ride the bikes etc and flip flops do seem to cause accidents.

Staff - Sophie has a placement coming up in a primary school as part of her ongoing training so if you do not see her for a day or two please don't worry she will not be away long! Unfortunately Simone is no longer with us and has moved to a nursery in Creech where she can work shorter days.

Apprentices - Our apprentices have to gain experience of working with all children while training so are moving floors! This may mean that you get a change in key person. If you do have a change your new key person will be introducing themselves to you either in person or on Tapestry soon 😊

New Menu - We hope you have now had a chance to look at our summer menu that started on Monday! The children are really enjoying it 😊 We have added some lovely new meals to try such as frozen yogurt bark, peach melba, salads and summer couscous. We have popped a copy in the window but it can also be found on our website.

Cooking - Nikki is now cooking with our downstairs children on a Wednesday afternoon! They are making their own tea, baking cakes, savory scones and other delicious treats to enjoy. This week they loved making cheese scones, they looked delicious.

Music - our music lady (Leanne from Music Bugs) is starting on Friday afternoons after Easter and her session is almost full! If you wanted to book the extra so that your child can enjoy this experience we would suggest booking as soon as possible, places are very limited; only 3 spaces left!

Covid update coming soon - please check Tapestry for updates and information relating to Covid! We do have a few changes coming up!

Hygge room update - This has been a huge success, the children are loving this space. We hope you all got a chance to see the photographs on Facebook recently. We will continue to develop our Hygge room for the children 😊 Katy brought in a lovely old suitcase this morning and we are busy collecting other natural resources too!

A few reminders;

Nappies/wet wipes - please make sure you provide enough items for your child and keep their bag well stocked.

Non slip socks - could babies upstairs please have non slip socks everyday - it is sometimes not warm enough to remove socks completely and the lino end is not safe with tights/socks without the sticky spots.

Antibiotics - please remember all children need to stay at home for 48hours after starting antibiotics. This is in place to ensure if your child has an allergic reaction due to taking the antibiotics this would happen at home in your care. It is also important for them to be at home if they are poorly as nursery is a busy environment and is probably not the best place for anyone who isn't 100% well.

Birthday Cake - although the children do love sharing their birthday cakes at nursery can you please check the ingredients, we ask that they do not come in if they contain nuts (please double check the ingredient's, we will have to check at the door and send home if it even contains traces). Our baby and toddler room cannot have chocolate cake due to the recommendations around babies not having chocolate in their diet, thank you for your anticipated support with this. We also have lots of children with dairy intolerances! We believe Asda do a great nut free and free from range 😊

New email - please remember to use the new email, from next week we will only be checking the old email occasionally! Our new email is abacuschildrensnursery@outlook.com 😊 If you have accounts or payments linked to our old email please make sure you change this now so that we continue to get this information.

September fees - Just in case you missed our March newsletter, we like to give you plenty of notice about any changes to fees, from Sept 2021 our fees will be;

Abacus Nursery - Fees Sept 2021 - Aug 2022

Session	Under 2 years	2 years +
Morning (8-1pm)	£32.70	£31.70
Afternoon (1-6pm)	£29.65	£28.65
Daily (8-6pm)	£58.25	£56.25
Full time	£274.00	£264.00

September hours - We are busy booking new children in for September so if you are thinking of changing your hours in the Autumn term please can you let us know as soon as possible (via email). We will not be sending out change of hours slips this year as only received a handful of them back last year but please remember to tell us in advance if you wish to change or add any sessions. We do need a full calendar months' notice for changes! We are already looking very busy on some days in September which is great, but we would hate for you to get in touch to add sessions/days in July/August for us to be full.

Dates for your diary:-

Easter closure - Friday 2nd April & Monday 5th April

Early May Bank Holiday closure - Monday 3rd May

Spring Bank Holiday closure - Monday May 31st

Summer Bank Holiday closure - Monday 30th May

School Leavers group & individual Photo (if possible!) - Monday 8th June 2021

Jogle for Jude - Please note change of date! Friday 2nd July - we will be holding our own fundraising event (a mini Jogle) to raise money to support the main Jogle for Jude event - <https://www.facebook.com/JOGLE-for-Jude-102121571832545> - which is raising money for the Grand Appeal in memory a wonderful little boy who attended Abacus. We have purchased a very large Gromit wall sticker/display to put up for this event and are looking to buy a large cuddly Gromit too, the wall sticker will stay up at Abacus in fond memory of Jude.

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Graduation - Tuesday 31st August we will be holding a graduation event at nursery for the school leavers and are presently discussing this event! All school leavers will be invited in to celebrate and we will be finalizing details soon so please keep an eye on Tapestry 😊

We hope you have a lovely Easter and that you all have some quality family time. It looks like we are going to be lucky with the weather! Please pop some photographs onto Tapestry so we can see what your children enjoy doing over their Easter weekend, we genuinely love to see and it gives us all something to chat about on our return 😊

Thank you all so much for your continued support,
Claire, Emma and the Abacus Team

Support/Advice contact numbers:

You can give Mindline (Somerset) a call 24 hours/day, 7 days/week ;

<https://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/> 01823 276892

Somerset Coronavirus Helpline: 0300 790 6275

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

OFSTED: 0300 1231231

Preventing Radicalisation & extremism in Somerset: prevent@somerset.gov.uk 01823359879

Somerset integrated domestic abuse services: 0800 694 9999

Men's advice line (domestic abuse): 0808 801 0327

Children's social care Somerset: 0300 123 2224