



# Beechdale Nursery School

## Newsletter

May, June and July 2016

### Exciting Events

**Web Cam**—We have set up a webcam for the children to observe our chicks hatching from home. This will end on Friday 20th of May as the chickens will return to the farm.

**Forest School**—All children will have accessed two blocks of Forest School before the end of term.

**Jet and Ben**—Police dogs 'Jet and Ben' have been in Nursery to visit the children this term to talk about 'stranger danger'.

**Vet Visit**—We have had a visit from Leadgate Vets. The children met 'Bea' the dog and found out all about the role of a vet and how to care for pets.

**Beechdale Bear visits Sierra Leone**— Beechdale Bear is travelling to Sierra Leone to run a marathon with Helen O'Rourke to raise money for the charity "Street Child". The child will find out all about his adventures when he returns.

### Summer Picnic

We are planning a summer picnic on the last day of term. Look out for an invitation and more information after half term.



### Themes and Topics



We have a number of themes developing side by side this term. The children are enjoying playing in our train station role play. We also have a 'superhero' and 'fairy' theme developing at the moment.

There has been great interest and excitement about the arrival of our caterpillars and 'living eggs'. The children have had many opportunities to learn about growth and change and how to care for living things.

We will continue to observe the children's play and develop any interests.



### Allotment Plans



Despite the slow start to the growing season, the children have been fully involved with the planting of a number of crops for our allotment each week. So far we have planted out peas and broccoli and hope to add other crops in the coming weeks. The children also access a number of exciting resources to access whilst in the allotment, from bug viewers to den building kits.

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### PAWS—Parents Active with Schools



Our parent group will be working in Nursery on the 25th & 26th May. They will be helping out with the allotment and creating some more magical story stones.

### Leavers' Concert



We are planning a concert to say goodbye to the children who are leaving us for "big school" on Tuesday 12th July. The children will sing some of their favourite songs from their time in Nursery and receive a "graduation" certificate.



### School Visits

You should have received information from your child's primary school about when the induction visits will take place this term. Please contact the school you have applied to if you are still waiting.

### Dates for your diary.....

- Tuesday 24th May—Nursery Group Photographs
- Wednesday 25th May—Film Club for Lions and Monkeys
- Friday 27th May—Nursery closed for Teacher Training Day & Break up for half term.
- Monday 6th June—Return to Nursery after Half Term,
- Monday 20th June—Nursery trip to White House Farm—Afternoon children
- Thursday 23rd June—Nursery trip to White House Farm—Morning children
- Friday 1st July—Sponsored Walk (further details to follow)
- Monday 4th July—Parents meetings for Centre Snakes and Library Lions.
- Tuesday 5th July—Parents meetings for Centre Crocs and Music Room Monkeys
- Tuesday 12th July—Leavers' Concert.
- Friday 15th July—Sports Day
- Wednesday 20th July—Leavers Picnic (and last day of term)