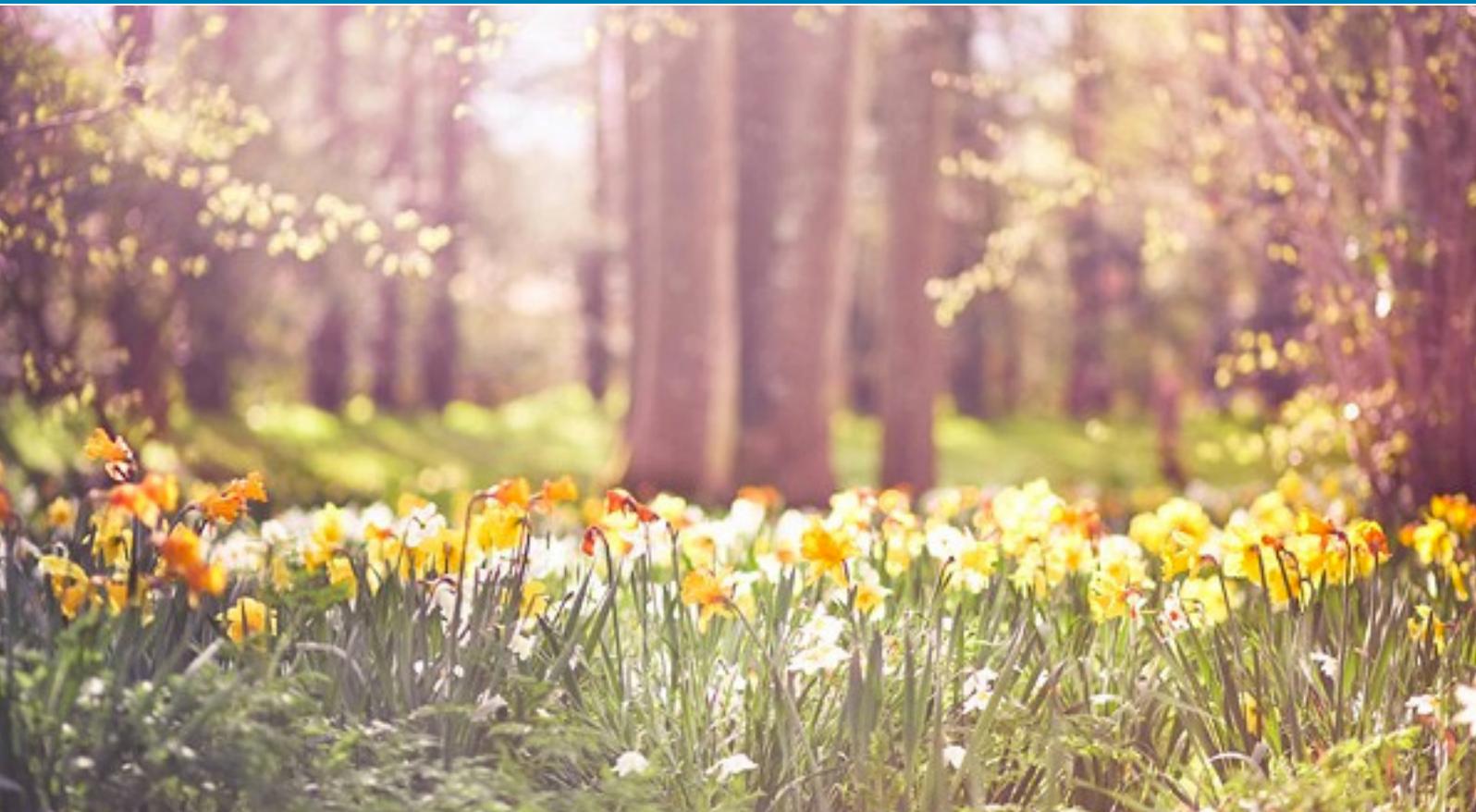




KIDS CLUB

Spring
2020

The White House Nursery - Quality Childcare For Over 30 Years!



Welcome



Michelle
Nursery Manager

Hi everyone and welcome to your parent newsletter from The White House Kids Club.

In this newsletter you will find lots of information regarding all aspects of nursery life, from the every day reminders and updates right through to exciting changes and big announcements.

Be sure to look out for any important dates for your diary, that way you'll always be in the loop!



We are GOOD!

We had our Ofsted Inspection in November and we are very pleased to announce we are good! We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate this fantastic recognition, as a nursery team we are extremely proud.

We would like to thank our staff and parents for their support in achieving this. The full report is available for you to read online.

Bank Holidays

Please note that nursery is closed to all children on bank holidays.

Upcoming Bank Holidays – Friday 10th April, Monday 13th April, Friday 8th May



Easy Banana Pancakes

- 350g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 very ripe bananas
- 2 medium eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 250ml whole milk butter for frying



Turn overripe, blackened bananas into sweet, fluffy American-style pancakes. Serve with syrup and crunchy, toasted pecan nuts as a delicious brunch treat...

1. Sieve the flour, baking powder and a generous pinch of salt into a large bowl. In a separate mixing bowl, mash the very ripe bananas with a fork until smooth, then whisk in the eggs, vanilla extract and milk. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, tip in the wet ingredients and swiftly whisk together to create a smooth, silky batter.
2. Heat a little knob of butter in a large non-stick pan over a medium heat. Add 2-3 tbsp of the batter to the pan and cook for several minutes, or until small bubbles start appearing on the surface. Flip the pancake over and cook for 1-2 mins on the other side. Repeat with the remaining batter, keeping the pancakes warm in a low oven.
3. Stack the pancakes on plates and top with the banana slices, a glug of sticky maple syrup and a handful of pecan nuts, if you like.

Enjoy!...



Work For Us

The White House nursery are always looking for professional and qualified childcare staff to join our vibrant teams within our baby, toddler and preschool units across our 5 settings.

For more information go to www.thewhitehousenursery.co.uk/recruitment



The Big Garden Party 2020

Our White House Nursery Charity Garden Party will return again this year - on Saturday 4th July! Following on from last years success we will be having one big joint event at our Borrowwash site, where children and families from across all of our sites are invited to enjoy some family time together whilst supporting a great cause! More information about the event and our chosen cause will be available closer to the time...

Until then, please remember us for any prize donations you might have! Some items we will be looking for are: Bottles of beer, wine, champagne, pop, juice, cleaning products, toiletries and sauces as well as gift sets, books, toys, games and homeware.

We would also like any bottle bags you no longer need for our bottle tombola! If you have any of these items you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at your nursery between now and then.

In addition to the Big Garden Party, we will also be having our own charity event for Kids Club parents. Please look out for more information on this in the coming months.

Reminder - Payments for Extra Sessions

Can we please remind parents that payment for extra sessions is due at the point of booking. Extra sessions cannot be booked unless payment is provided.



Mothers Day - Celebration Events

We will be having a Mother's Day celebration for families to Stay & Play at nursery. We will let you know when this will be in the coming weeks.



World Book Day

We will also be celebrating World Book Day in March, more information on this will be available closer to the time.





Holiday Club 2020

We are excited to be planning another year of action packed holiday clubs for 2020 with lots of exciting trips and activities coming up throughout the year.

Holiday Club is a great place for children to socialise with others away from school, and with the wide range of activities we offer it's the perfect opportunity for them to try out a new hobby or interest!

Booking forms for each holiday are released a few weeks in advance and can be downloaded from our website. You will also find prices and details of the various trips and activities on offer here too.

If you have any questions about holiday club please don't hesitate to contact Kids Club directly on 01332 820 404.



Holiday Club Dates 2020

February Half Term
17th February - 21st February

Easter
6th April - 17th April

May Half Term
25th May - 29th May

Summer Holidays
27th July - 1st September

October Half Term
26th October - 30th October

Christmas & New Year
21st December - Monday 4th January 2021

Please remember we are closed on bank holidays
and between Christmas & New Year.

Weather Appropriate Clothing

As our weather is so unpredictable, please remember to bring weather appropriate clothes for your child at nursery. The children play outside in all weather, and are now able free flow indoors and outdoors so children have even more choice where they would like to play. Spare wellies are always good to keep in nursery, for playing in the mud kitchen, water play, in the allotment when digging or even on the grass as this can be wet on a sunny day too. Please also ensure all clothes & shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.



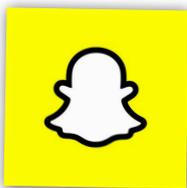
Online Safety - Do you know what your child is doing on their tablet or computer?

In an increasingly technological world, most children will have access to a smartphone, games console, tablet or computer of some kind. But do we really know what they are accessing and who they are communicating with?

It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on messaging services, online games and video apps. But it is important that we ensure we are aware of our children's habits and how much 'screen time' they are actually getting.

For information, tips and advice on cyber security please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com/training

There you will find user friendly parent guides on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, Youand Snapchat as well as information on the signs and symptoms of screen addiction/gaming addiction and how to prevent it.



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Teaching and Learning In Nursery

TALK Derby is a local project about developing adults' skills and knowledge to support our youngest children, and across all age groups.

Every child deserves to have the best opportunities in life.

For this to happen, children need to grow their ability to communicate in their earliest years, throughout childhood and adolescence.

Speech and language are the building blocks for learning.

The project aims to raise awareness of the importance of speech, language and communication development in children and young people, and provides practical support for it.

TALK Derby is funded by the Department for Education until August 2020 as part of the national Opportunity Area programme, and they are supported by Derby City Council, the Derby Opportunity Area and a wide range of other partners.

We at The White House Kids Club have pledged to make a conscious commitment to spend more time talking and listening to the children in their lives – and to encourage others to do the same. By doing this, we are able to take advantage of the training available to us through Elklan which Michelle Bowler, Sarah and Jo will be completing over the coming months.

For more information you can visit the TALK Derby website... www.talkderby.org.uk/parents

You can also download their newsletters – just search "Talk Derby Newsletter" in your internet browser.

“The best thing you can give to your child to help them with their language development is YOU.

**Your TIME, DEDICATION, ATTENTION, FOLLOW THROUGH and CONSISTENCY
is going to be the thing that makes the most difference.”**

Our Lockdown Policy

Within The White House Nursery and Kids Club we have a 'Lockdown Policy' which we follow in the event of an emergency or threat to the setting. As part of this, we do carry out lock down practices from time to time.

We are aware that many schools do these, so your children may be familiar with them and sometimes come home and talk about what has happened.

Every situation is different and we try to take that into consideration when we have our practices withing the setting. If you have any questions about our policy please do not hesitate to speak with either Michelle or Sarah.

If you wish to see a copy of any of our policies, these are available upon request at the office.



In House Staff Training - A Message From Julie

"During this term, we are continuing to roll out two workshops to our practitioners to enhance their knowledge and awareness of supporting creative development and mathematical development within our nurseries. These sessions are part of our ongoing in house Continued Professional Development (CPD) programme.

These sessions ensure we provide age and stage appropriate opportunities and offer an opportunity for reflection and networking for our practitioners across sites. A key element of the workshops focusses on the three characteristics of effective teaching and learning which are:

Playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'

Active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements

Creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

For more information please ask a member of staff for a "Maths At Home" leaflet.



Julie Smith
Quality & Development Manager



In House Staff Training

Our practitioners have thoroughly enjoyed the recent Maths and Creative training sessions they have been on and they have given some fantastic feedback.

Creative training impact and comments are:

- "The children have been having lots more new creative experiences".
- "The training has given me new ideas to use with the children".
- "The children have enjoyed the different materials".
- "The children have been more engaged".
- "Children show more control over over resources".

Maths training impact and comments are:

- "Children are using more numbers in play".
- "Children are showing an interest in the maths booklets"
- "We are introducing more maths vocabulary in play"
- "We have noticed the children matching objects"
- "We are using more maths in every day activities"

If you have any concerns about speech, language and communication needs of your child, whether it be understanding typical patterns of speech, understanding what children should be saying when or support with ditching that dummy then please speak with a member of staff who will point you in the right direction.

We will be sharing what we have learned with you at our parents information evening in May!

Paediatric First Aid Training

All sites will be continuing with Paediatric First Aid training throughout the year, which takes place at our Kids Club site on a Saturday. Here's some photos from a recent training session with Nigel...



Cultural Capital

Following recent updates to the EYFS, Cultural Capital will be a new focus for us over the coming weeks and months. The framework explains Cultural Capital as:

"Some children arrive at an early years setting with different experiences from others, in their learning and play. What a setting does, through the EYFS curriculum and interactions with practitioners potentially makes all the difference to children. It is the role of the setting to help the children experience the awe and wonder of the world in which they live, through the seven areas of learning."

In response to this, we have redesigned our 'All About Me' booklet which you will have filled out when your child joined us. This is something that will be reviewed and added to throughout your child's time with us, so we can gain a better understanding of your child's likes and dislikes, and what makes them happy or upset.

We have also included an additional document to this which asks about what 'experiences' your child has had so far. Some examples of these experiences can be found below:

Pumpkin or fruit picking

Going to the hairdressers/barbers

Going to the post office

Singing rhymes or songs

Visiting the beach

Visiting the Zoo

Riding on a bus

Going to the supermarket

Going swimming

Going to the local park

Feeding the ducks

Walking a dog

Baking

Going to a library

Playing in the snow

Dentist

You will be asked to circle any experiences your child has already had, you may add new ones if they aren't listed. This information will then be used when planning various opportunities for learning at nursery. This will then be reviewed regularly and more experiences can be ticked off!



Does your child start school this September?

Have you thought about childcare outside of school hours?

Welcome to The White House Kids Club!



Our out of school club is aimed at 4 - 14 year olds and runs before and after school, as well as in the school holidays. Kids Club is a great place for children to socialise, have fun, try new things and make friends away from their regular school routine.

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am until 9am and offers many benefits to both children and parents. Children enjoy a healthy breakfast with friends and are offered a choice of foods including cereals, toast, pancakes crumpets, fruit and yoghurts. The children are then dropped off at the local schools ready to start their day.

Morning Drop Off Service To The Following Schools - Borrow Wood, Asterdale, St Werburghs & Springfield

Breakfast Clubs Run By Us At The Following Schools - Borrow Wood & Redhill Primary School

After School Pick Up From The Following Schools - Borrow Wood, St Werburghs, Springfield, Asterdale, Cherry Tree, Meadow Farm Primary School and West Park Secondary School,

Our on site after school club runs from 3.00pm until 6.00pm. Children are collected from the local schools and brought back to Kids Club for a light tea followed by a variety of activities. After school club is a great opportunity for children to relax and unwind after a full day at school. Children are free to choose from a range of activities suited to their age range, including an X Box, Playstation, Pool Table and state of the art cinema room upstairs!

Redhill After School Club - We also run an After School Club on site at Redhill School. With the same kind of activities on offer as we have at Kids Club, but operating on site at Redhill School hall and using their fantastic facilities both indoors and outdoors. Please enquire at Kids Club for more information.

Holiday Club is available outside of term time during school holidays and inset days. Children have the opportunity to take part in large group games, off site trips and various other activities while improving their social communication skills. Keep a look out for our booking forms, which are available to download from our website prior to each holiday, just head over to the holiday club page of the website. There you will find all the information you need including the sessions we offer, applicable fees and details of all the fantastic activities and trips we have planned for that holiday.

For the past couple of months The White House marketing team have been working on something brand new and exciting to share with our parents!

'The Big Babble Podcast' has officially started over on our Facebook page. You can catch up on previous episodes now and there will be a new episode released every Sunday!

The aim of our podcast is to start a discussion on a range of topics relating to nursery life, and share opinions and experiences within our community. Each week we will be joined by members of our team to discuss subjects including Speech & Language, Music In Nursery, Outdoor Play, SEN and School Readiness.

We hope you find these podcasts interesting and informative. We'd love to hear your feedback so please leave us a comment and share your thoughts!

#WhiteHouseNursery #TheBigBabble

Some episodes in this series include...

Being A Male Nursery Nurse

Special Educational Needs

Outdoor Play

Music In Nursery

School Readiness

'The Big Babble' White House Nursery Podcast

