

CUCKOO MEADOW PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School!

Summer has arrived on the meadow and we are all enjoying everything the season has to offer. The children have been running back and forth on our wonderful green space, having sunny trips to the swings in the park and not forgetting zooming around on their bikes. Hats and suncream at the ready, hooray for the warmer days!

It's a busy first half of term with the highlight being the visit from Zoo Lab and all its creatures to entertain and educate our little ones. To complement their visit, the children have been learning about mini beasts and seeking them out on the meadow. Whether it's a ladybird, ant or woodlouse, magnifying glasses and log books will be at the ready. On returning to our classroom the children will be encouraged to talk about what mini beasts look like, how we could best draw or paint them and even how could we move or sound like them. Thank goodness it's more insect chirps and less lions roars.... although experience would dictate that we may have the odd roaring ladybird!

Jubilee celebrations continue to be planned and we can't wait to keep you informed on our Facebook page. If you haven't liked our page yet please do – where you'll hear all about our 'Jubilee Afternoon Tea', fundraising Jubille tea towels and so much more. Not forgetting our stalls at the North Waltham Big Jubilee Lunch event on Sunday 5th June at Cuckoo Meadow. It's free to attend and we would love to see you there!

We are a small, friendly, Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavillion, North Waltham. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood and all agree the location and wonderful caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

Sainsbury's

Our Values Make us Different

Welcome

Simon Church has been appointed as our new store manager at Kempshott. Simon joins us from the store at Broadcut (Fareham) and we wish him continued success at Kempshott.

ANPR Camera & Car Park Improvements

Eagle-eyed customers may have noticed the new ANPR camera system at the entry to the car park. Please note the new signage across the car park – allowing a 3 hour maximum stay – and the time limits for exiting after store closure.

Improvements have also been made following the anti-social behaviour we've recently experienced. New style speed limiters are now in place together with a new speed limit of 5mph.

Thank you for your co-operation while we trialled the ANR system, prior to this permanent fixture.

Community Launch

We're close to launching our new community programme for the year ahead.

The focus will be aimed at supporting charities and projects across the Borough to 'Help Everyone Eat Better' whilst enhancing our partnership with Neighbourly to donate any food waste from the store.

We'll be allowing fundraising at the store during specific times in the year and look forward to welcoming groups over the Christmas period; COVID restrictions allowing.

We'll release more details about our work, following the opening of Starbucks, so that we can combine the efforts of Sainsbury's, Argos and Starbucks.

Starbucks

Colleagues are undergoing training ahead of the opening, which is provisionally set for June 29th. Thank you for your patience whilst the improvements and changes are being made to the old café site.

BLUE SKIES AND BLUEBELLS MAKING THE MOST OF SPRING TOGETHER

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And Sometimes in France!

Longer days are here and our outdoor groups are all coming fully to life. Croquet, walking football and rounders have restarted for example, joining our walkers and cyclists who've been meeting throughout the winter. A band of our cyclists thoroughly enjoyed exploring byways in France recently, whilst walkers have loved the scents and colours of the bluebell woods around Medstead and its old church.

Around Fifty Things to Do for Just £25

Many of us are meeting indoors - though still as safely as possible for our more cautious members. As always, together

we are dancing and singing towards the summer; playing games or doing quizzes. Some are knitting or sewing; others are enjoying netball and table tennis. Those who love a good debate are sharing ideas within science, technology or philosophy groups. And quite a few of us are trying several of these things at once. At no cost beyond their membership fee!

Until September, the membership fee is just £25 so it really is a good time to give membership a try. Trips out, holidays and excursions come with extra costs of course, but everything is organised for you and it's a brilliant way to meet new people with similar interests. So do check our website or email: basingstokeu3aenquiries@gmail.com

If you would like a paper copy of all our current activities phone 07787 520 281

