

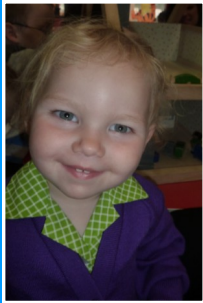


# WESTHOLME NURSERY NEWSLETTER

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## New Faces

We would like to welcome two new faces to Nursery, Harriet Cousin who has joined the Poppy group and Oscar Hinks who has joined the Daisy group. They are settling in well and getting to know their new friends.



We would also like to give a warm welcome to our new Nursery Assistant Mrs Haworth. She will be working alongside the Daisies and has been busy getting to know all the children and their routines. She has made a big impression on the children and would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome she has received.

## Let's Explore!

Since the children loved our Spring activities so much, including planting, digging and sensory textures, we have decided to follow on from this and continue a similar theme through 'Let's Explore'. We are going to continue to allow the children to have first hand experiences with sensory and tactile activities, particularly through the use of stories. One of their favourite stories has been 'Bear Hunt' therefore we are experiencing the different elements of the story including "squelchy mud", "splashy water" and "long wavy grass". Let's Explore will also follow the children on a mini bear hunt where they will search for wriggly worms, pretty butterflies and tiny ladybirds.



## Royal Wedding Celebrations



The children had a lot of fun celebrating with the rest of the UK in congratulating Wills and Kate on their big day. They enjoyed afternoon tea followed by dancing and party games. They were also visited by Billinge House's very own Prince William and Catherine Middleton. A huge thank you to all the parents for your support. The children's outfits were beautiful. Our dancing prizes went to Aaminah Matadar and Aleeza Isa for the morning session and Zaki Ali for the afternoon session.

# Easter Bonnet Competition



Ella W



Ella H



Krystal

The children had a lot of fun over Easter, taking part in our Egg and Chick hunt as well as showing off their Easter Bonnets in the parade. Our Daisy winner was Krystal Carmichael Foley and our Poppy winner was Ella Higginbottom. We also had a second prize for Ella Walmsley. Well done and thank you again for your support.

# Turtle Buggy Trips

As we move into the last term, it is important for the children who are moving to Pre-School to get familiar with their new classrooms, teaching assistants and their teacher, Miss Byrom. Every week in the last term, a timetable has been arranged for the children to go down in small groups within their session to visit Billinge House and take part in the daily routines. The children will be getting ready to go at about 9.30am so we would appreciate it if parents would drop off early so that the children do not miss out on going down. The sessions are the same every week so if you wish to know your child's trip day, then please ask Mrs Britch for more information.



## Reminders.....

### School Photographs

Lottie Designs are returning to take school portraits of the children. She has a very unique style of taking natural shots which have been popular with parents in the past. She will be attending on Thursday 26th May during the afternoon session and Tuesday 7th June for the morning session. I know that there are a few children who do not attend either of these sessions, however if you come and see Mrs Britch she will arrange an appropriate time for a photo to be taken if you wish.

### Holidays

Please could parents inform us of any holidays that the children have booked over the summer. Just like you, the summer months are popular for staff to take a well earned rest, so it helps to know when children are away, so that we can staff appropriately in line with the ratios.

### Bank Holiday

Please remember that we are closed for the bank holiday on Monday 30th May 2011.