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Nell Gwynn Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the Nell Gwynn team I wanted to say a big 'thank you' for actively being a part of our school community, engaging well with the staff, participating in different aspects of school life and promoting the children's home learning. Children make the best possible progress when the parents/carers and staff work together.

The Big Draw: Wednesday 10th July:

With the importance of home/school collaboration in mind, you might have seen the posters for our 'Big Draw' event which is taking place on Wednesday 10th July, (10am-1pm), where we wish to invite you in with your child/children to engage in a variety of mark-making experiences. This is a special event which is part of the River Peck Arts Festival, where you will remain with your children as they explore a variety of art materials and small tools in the company of staff and artists. A musical performance by Bellenden pupils will be a feature of the event and light refreshments will be available. Please note that this is our single special event before the end of term.

Dates for Diaries:

Summer Term:
Wednesday 10th July '24: The Big Draw
Wednesday 17th July '24: Last morning of term for children attending Monday to Wednesday (normal timings apply)
Friday 19th July '24: Last day of term for all children (normal timings apply)

Autumn Term:
Thursday 5th September '24: Children who are returners who usually attend Wednesday to Friday begin the Autumn Term (normal timings apply)
Monday 9th September '24: Children who are returners who usually attend Monday to Wednesday begin the Autumn Term (normal timings apply)

We will be very sad to say goodbye to the children leaving us at the end of the summer term to join new settings in September. Wishing all of those children a very happy start to their new school and we would love to hear how they're getting on at a later date. Staff will present children with their leaving certificates during the last week of term. If your child is finishing the term earlier for any reason, then please let us know.

We are looking forwards to welcoming returning children back in September. There will be time for these children to settle back in before new children and families join our school community.

Not only are we saying goodbye to children at the end of the term, but we are also saying farewell to Lillian (Business Manager) and Terry (Premises Manager). Sadly, Lillian and Terry's roles have been impacted by the closure of Ann Bernadt Nursery School. We wish to say a huge thank you to both staff for the years of hard work and investment in Nell Gwynn, working as part of a team with children at the heart of it.

Safeguarding:

Please remember that there should be no use of mobile phones when you are bringing and collecting your child. This is to safeguard all our children as mobile phones have the capacity to take photos as well as film. It protects you as well as the children when your phone is out of sight and not in use.

Meeting House Lane is a busy road, therefore please take care when crossing with your children. Avoid parking up in front of the nursery or on the opposite side of the road, as it's safer for all of the children if cars are parked further away. Let's keep all of our children safe by teaching them road safety, ensuring that we ourselves are consistent role models.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable time over the remainder of the term and a happy summer holiday when it arrives….

Warm regards,

Pippa Baker
(Head of School and SENCo)