



FIRST STEPS NURSERY

LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER – STAYING IN TOUCH

THE SUN IS SHINING!

Firstly, we hope you all had a lovely Easter!

Thank goodness for the sun! How lovely is it to have this glorious weather while we are all moving through this very strange and uncertain time that is our current way of life?

You may have all developed great fun ways to get you and your family through each day but we at First Steps wanted to give you all some extra activities to look at, to help keep the children and yourselves amused and excited whilst you spend quality time as a family.

“**Soccer in Schools**” – the club that visits the nursery and does football sessions with our older children have posted a video on “YouTube” that shows the sort of activities they do with them. This may give you some ideas.

TTS - this website has some wonderful free home learning packs you can download, that can be printed off and enjoyed with the children. I have attached a copy of the “Early Years Activity Book for ease, but feel free to go on yourself and see what other books they have to offer, some for your older children too.

www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities

Hungry Little Minds Campaign – the department for Education’s Hungry Little Minds campaign also features tips and practical activities that you can do with the children at home to support early learning. This is aimed for all children aged 0-5 years.

Visit www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk

BBC Bitesize – this website have launched two initiatives aimed at supporting children while nursery settings and schools are closed. They have some great links for Primary – aged 3-11 years, Secondary – aged 11-16 years and Post 16 – aged 16+

Visit www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Learning Book - we will also be posting videos on Learning Book (age appropriate) during lockdown, moving forward. Staff from each of our rooms will be reading stories or singing rhymes for the children to watch.

Email and post - We would love to brighten up the Nursery building for the return of all of the children, and what better way than with their own art work!! We would love to fill the building with RAINBOWS!! Please could you all encourage your children to get busy and creative and send their rainbows to us! Please name your work so we know who created what piece!

Please send to:

Email: childcare@yateleys.com

Address: First Steps Nursery, Yateley School, Yateley, Hants GU46 6NW – you could post them when you are out on the little walks you are doing for your daily exercise.

We would also like to invite you to email us with photos and updates about what the children are getting up to.

LITERACY – don't forget to keep reading together. Children love story time as well as being active. This is your time to have extra special cuddles.

We hope all these things help to keep you all busy and entertained.

We will send out more ideas and suggestions over the coming weeks while we all remain separated and please don't forget to visit our Facebook page.

Updates on forthcoming events at the nursery –

Thursday 28th May – Our annual Toddle. This is unfortunately cancelled.

Thursday 25th June – Concept Photography – to be confirmed.

Thursday 23rd July – Pre-School Graduation - to be confirmed.

We are all missing the children so much.

Please stay in touch, stay home and stay safe!

Best Wishes

Heidi & all the team.