

**Baby Unit Spring Newsletter**  
**June - August 2010**

Children and staff from all three of our Baby Unit playrooms have been thrilled to see the arrival of such glorious sunshine! We have made the most of it and spent plenty of time outside in the garden under our shade canopy and everybody has enjoyed keeping cool in the paddling pool. Please can I remind all parents to provide a suitable sun hat and to make sure that it is named. A copy of our Sun Awareness Policy is available in the office, on extremely hot days the Baby Unit provide light weight cotton smocks for the children to wear and sun cream is also provided. Please make your key person aware if you are providing your own sun cream for any reason.

The children from the Peter Rabbit class are "in training" for Sports Day which is taking place on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> out on the field from 10:00am. Parents are invited to come and support and to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards.

You will all be aware that Katy Chapman, who is based in the Peter Rabbit class is leaving the Baby Unit to take on new responsibilities in the Barn 2 Class. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Katy for all of the hard work that she has put in over the last four years.

Abigail Jacobs will be joining the Peter Rabbit team, she already has a Level 2 Certificate in Health & Social Care and will begin training towards her NVQ Level 3 qualification in Childcare & Education.

Our regular supply staff will be returning over the Summer months. Becci Dive, Becky Mitchell, Kirstie Fitton and Megan Hunt, will all be working with the full time Baby Unit team.

Imogen

**Important Dates:**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day & Family Picnic! (On the field from 10:00am)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Family BBQ. (On the field from 6:00pm) TICKETS ON SALE SOON

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Celebration. (11:00am, location TBA)

**Peter Rabbit**

"We Loved Washing the  
Babies in the Water Tray"

The Peter Rabbit Class Had  
Great Fun Riding Harley the Donkey



This term the Peter Rabbits have loved spending lots of time outside going for walks and exploring. We had lots of fun making our "All Creatures Great and Small Display", we learnt some new songs about the different animals and have been using our makaton. The Peter Rabbits have also looked at colours and shapes and we are moving on to our new topic "Summer". We are looking forward to lots of craft, Summery cooking, a selection of sensory activities, going for walks to spot the Summer flowers and lots of splashing in the paddling pool!

To all of those taking a holiday over the Summer, we hope that you have a lovely time and look forward to your return.

Over the Summer the Peter Rabbit's will be creating our own "WOW" board which will include all of the special things that we do. If you want any of your child's "wow moments" at home celebrated on the board please do tell us about it and bring us a picture.

Hannah, Katy & Sarah M

### Squirrel Nutkin

The Squirrel Nutkin Class Have Enjoyed Spending Time Exploring the Woods!



"We Had Fun Playing With The Kids!"



This term the Squirrel Nutkin's topic has been "Being Me!" Please come and have a look at our beautiful display board which celebrates every child in the group with examples of their art work and lots of photos of what they enjoy doing at nursery, as well as photos

from home. Thank you to all the parents who bought in some photos for the display, we really enjoyed looking at them.

We have also enjoyed lots of outdoor adventures in the woods and on the farm. We have really enjoyed sitting with the goats and watching the kids grow, they are very tame now and the children have enjoyed stroking them.

We are looking forward to our next topic, "Transport!" We have lots planned including donkey and tractor rides out on the farm, water play with boats, sand play with the cars and trucks as well as lots of art and craft.

Zoe, Sarah & Melissa

### Benjamin Bunny

"We Love Splashing in the Paddling Pool!"



The Benjamin Bunny Class Enjoyed Playing in the Daffodil Spiral on the Field



Spring has been a very busy time for the babies in the Benjamin Bunny Class, we have enjoyed going for lots of walks through the woods and around the field, as well as joining in with activities in the garden; everyone has enjoyed splashing in the paddling pool.

We've also been creating beautiful masterpieces to decorate our playroom. We have completed the "Spring" section of our Seasons Wheel and made a start on a fantastic "Under the Sea" display. The babies enjoyed a large scale painting activity to make to background, as well as, bubble painting octopus, sticking shiny fish and using glitter to make sea horses.

Throughout the Summer we will be adding to our Seasons Wheel with creative activities planned to make buckets & spades, swimming costumes and sunshine collages. We have our fingers crossed for lots of sun so that we can continue to visit the farm animals, we are looking forward to meeting the new chicks and piglets expected over the Summer.

Imogen, Anne-Marie & Karen