

Artemis Newsletter April 2022



We welcome all of you back into the Nurseries!
Thank you so much for your support over the past two years adhering to our policies and procedures.
We can't wait to show you your child's learning environment.

Contact Details

If you cannot contact me at the nurseries it usually means I am in meetings, but you are more than welcome to phone my mobile and leave a message and I shall return your call as soon as I can.

Alternatively, you could email me.

If your query relates directly to your child's nursery, then below are the contact numbers you need for each setting. If your child is not coming into nursery, we ask that you phone the nursery to inform them at your earliest convenience.

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Our invoices are sent direct to you from our Finance team and they can usually answer any invoice queries but for any other questions or enquiries please use the emails above.

The Big Toddle 2022

We would like all nurseries to take part in the 'Big Toddle' this Summer, where we will all 'Toddle' around Alexandra Park on **Wednesday 22nd June 2022.**

We would like to ask for all families to participate with us and spend the day in the park, with fun and games. We would like to ask as many parents as possible to help us on this day.

We will provide a picnic lunch for all children.



More information will be provided nearer the time.

Artemis Bags

All children have an Artemis Bag on their peg which are to stay at the nurseries and **NOT** to be taken home. If your child is leaving for School then please empty the bag and leave it for the next child. Please could you check your child's bag to make sure they have enough spare clothes and to make sure they are regularly checked, stocked and have their names in.

This is to stop bags from home coming into the nurseries.

International Dance Day

During the Week Commencing **Monday 25th April 2022** we will be celebrating International Dance Day.

We will be learning new dance moves and small routines throughout the week and presenting them to our friends.

Our younger children will be listening and joining in with music and movement using their whole bodies to move around.



Horizon Photography will be coming out to take our School Leavers Photos at each site on the following dates:

Hollington Nursery

Thursday 23rd June 2022

Hastings Nursery

Friday 24th June 2022

St Leonards Nursery

Monday 27th June 2022

We will have our usual photos for all children in November 2022.

Father's Day

We would like to invite our Artemis Dad's, Grandads & Uncles to join us during the week of

Monday 13th June 2022 from 3.00pm for fun activities with your child and their friends and then to join us for a Ploughman's Tea.

A time slot sheet will be available for you to book in on **Monday 30th May 2022.**



EYEE Funding Term Dates

East Sussex provide Early Years Education Entitlement funding for either 15 or 30 hours for 38 weeks per year.]

Summer Term

18th April 2022 - 22 July 2022 [15hr/30hr Funding finishes]

18th April 2022 - 12th August 2022 [25 stretched funding] [September 2021]

18th April 2022 - 29th July 2022 [25 Stretched funding] [January 2022]

18th April 2022 - 5th August 2022 [25 stretched funding] [April 2022]

If you are unsure, please speak to your Nursery Manager.

Half Term: 30th May 2020 - 3rd June 2022 [15hr/30hr Funding]

Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June 2022 are Bank Holiday

Other Dates for your Diaries

There are a few dates for your diaries which you will be reminded of throughout the year.

Parent's Evening

Tuesday 14th June 2022

This is a chance for you to meet your child's Key Worker to find out how they are learning and developing at nursery. A time sheet will go up in the classrooms on **Monday 30th May 2020**. If you are unable to make this day, then please speak to your child's Key Worker who will be happy to arrange a phone call another time.

Picnic in the Park

We would like to invite you to Alexandra Park on **Saturday 30th July 2022 from 11.00am - 2.00pm** for a picnic with fun and games in the park.

It would be a great opportunity for you to meet your child's friends and their families as well as get to know other parents of Artemis Nursery.

We will also be celebrating our older children going off to Primary School and presenting them with a certificate and book and it would be lovely to all be part of this.

Everyone is Welcome

We thought we would meet at the café which would give you the choice of either bringing food with you or getting some from the cafe.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Week Commencing Monday 30th May 2022

We are going to celebrate the Queen's Platinum

Jubilee with an afternoon tea, arts and craft and making decorations for our classrooms. If you want to come dressed in Red, White or Blue [Or all 3] you are very welcome to. We will be making a recorded message to send to the Queen and showing her some of our favourite songs.

Arrivals and Departures

We have a strict adult:child ratio that we must adhere to at all times so ask that you **do not** arrive for nursery **before 8.00am** or **1.00pm** unless previously arranged with the Managers. Can I also ask that you arrive promptly at both **1.00pm** and **6.00pm** to collect your child. If you are going to be late for any reason please phone and let us know as soon as possible so we can let your child know and make arrangements for adults to stay with them.

Healthy Eating Week

Monday 13th June - Friday 17th June 2022

During this week we will be taking part in 'Healthy Eating Week' to highlight the importance of healthy, active lifestyles.

Each day of the week will have a different theme:

Monday: Focus on Fibre - for meals and snacks

Tuesday: Get at least 5 A DAY - put plenty on your plate

Wednesday: Vary your protein - be more creative

Thursday: Stay Hydrated - fill up from the tap

Friday: Reduce food waste - know your portions

We will make healthy snacks to try, taster sessions of new foods and looking at foods that are healthy and unhealthy for us, as well as looking at '5 A DAY' and 'Drink Plenty'.



Toys

Although it has been nice for the children to bring in their toys from home because they want to share with their friends, we must now insist that all toys stay at home.

We have to be extremely careful about the toys that we as a nursery purchase for the children to use; checking that everything is made to a high specification and kite marked. Children are bringing in more and more toys with small pieces and unfortunately some toys are getting broken and as you can imagine this can be very dangerous for our young children.

Putting them in their Artemis' bags leads to interrupted play as they are often distracted by the knowledge they are there and keep leaving the classroom to show their friends, so we ask that if you have to bring them for the journey to nursery that you take them away with you.

Children **are still** able to bring in their comforters, teddies, or blankets for sleep times.

COVID - 19

From the 4th April Parents will be allowed to come into the building with their child to drop them to their classroom and collect them at the end of the session.

We have waited a long time for this and want to ensure that it can remain, so we ask that only one parent comes per child and that you wear a mask whilst in the building. Currently, you are still expected to get a PCR test if you develop any symptoms but if your child tests positive following a lateral flow, you do not need to confirm this with a PCR.

[Please ask the Nursery Managers if you haven't received a Covid update letter. It is available also on Babysdays]

Tax Free Childcare

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme, to help parents with the cost of childcare. You can apply online on the website detailed above. To qualify, you must be working and each earning [if applying as a couple] at least £120 a week and not more than £100,000 each a year. You'll be able to use Tax-Free Childcare alongside the 15 and 30 hours free childcare schemes in England. You **can't** use Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as they receive Childcare Vouchers, Universal Credit or Tax Credits. You will be able to open a new childcare account and for every £8 you pay into their childcare account, the government will pay in an extra £2. You will be able to get up to £2000 government support per child per year towards your childcare costs and you can then use this money to pay your nursery fees.

St Georges Day 23rd April 2022

On the week commencing Monday 18th April 2022, we will be celebrating St George's Day, the Patron Saint of England. Throughout the week we will be creating our very own flags, dancing to folk music and learning all about St George and the Dragon.

We will be making traditional English food and celebrating the patron saint of England.



Child Safety Week

Monday 6th June - Sunday 12th June



During Child Safety Week we will be teaching your children how to stay safe when out in our communities. Looking at crossing roads safely, holding an adults hand, safe people to ask for help if it is needed.

We will be discussing safe risks and reviewing riskier risks that children make whilst at nursery to ensure different choices next time.

We will be sending your child home with lots of information for safety within your homes.

Walk to Nursery Week

During the week of the 16th May we are encouraging all our little ones to walk to Nursery.

What a great way to start the day with healthier bodies and minds and a good time to chat with their families and friends on the way.

If they wanted to dress as the superheroes that they are, then this would be great and you could join in too.

Let's get our little ones walking!

Earth Day

22nd April 2022

During the week of the 18th April 2022, we will be visiting our local beaches and open spaces and doing our bit to clean up our environments. We are having a big focus on recycling and the children are starting to sort their plastics from their paper and their cardboards. We will be looking at the effect litter has on our wildlife and our Earth and the importance of taking your rubbish home. On the 22nd April 2022 we are encouraging everyone to 'Go Green'. Children can wear as much green as they would like.



Ahoy There Little Pirates!

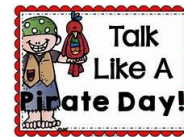
Pirate Week at Artemis

11th July 2022 - 15th July 2022

We will be celebrating Hasting Pirates' Day and having pirate parties, making treasure maps and hunting for treasure with the children. We will be making our telescopes to see if we can spot any pirates coming to shore and visiting the beach to Pirate Spot.

Your children are welcome to come dressed as pirates all week and on Friday 15th July 2022

we will be having a



We are very lucky at Artemis Nursery to have many families represented and want to celebrate them all.

We want to promote an attitude of acceptance that promotes a positive environment for everyone and where differences are celebrated. We always encourage all our children to treat everyone with respect and to be exactly who they want to be. They are encouraged to achieve their goals, take risks and to develop a can-do attitude and a resilience to life.

During Pride month we will be dedicating time to talk about love and each other's families and what makes all our families special. We will be challenging stereotypes and growing as a Nursery with our children and their beliefs.

Celebrate Our NHS

It is the Anniversary of the NHS on the 5th July 2022

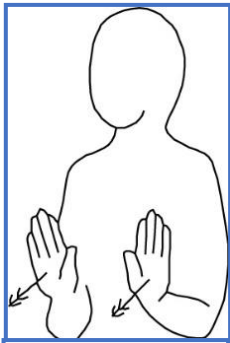
All week of the 4th July 2022 we will be celebrating the great work that our NHS does, saving people's lives and supporting people through the hardest of times. We will be baking all week and inviting parents to donate cakes and biscuits for our BIG NHS Cake Sale on Friday 8th July 2022.

You will be able to come from 5.00pm to get your weekend treats and all money raised will go to the NHS.

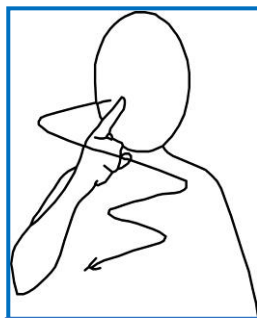
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Child Safety Week



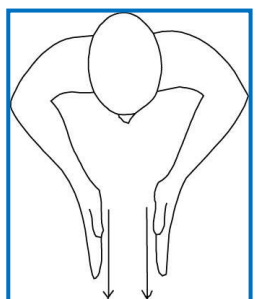
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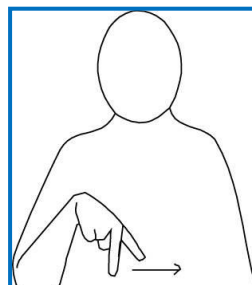
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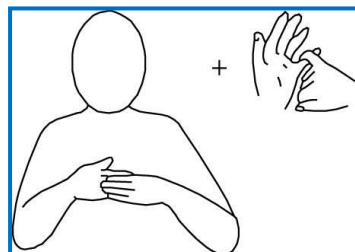
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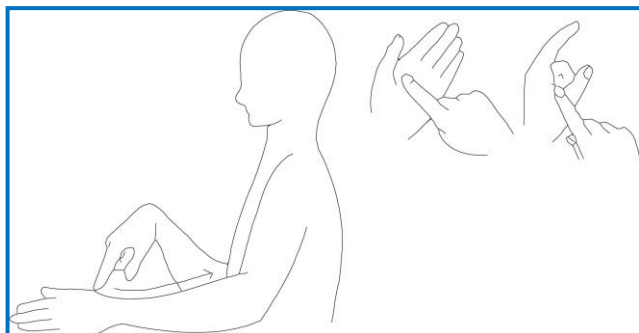
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Walk

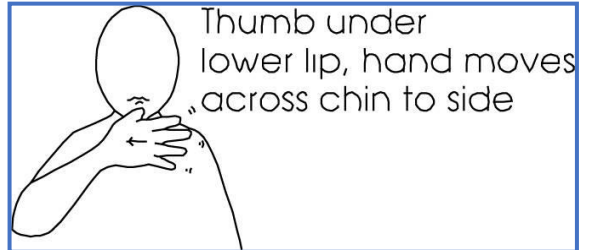


Hold Hands



Slowly

Healthy Eating Week Makaton Signs



Thumb under lower lip, hand moves across chin to side

Fruit



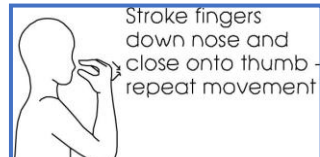
Take apple to mouth and mime biting it

Apple



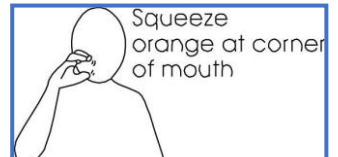
Mime peeling banana

Banana



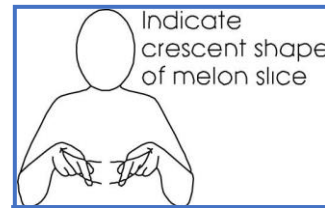
Stroke fingers down nose and close onto thumb - repeat movement

Strawberry



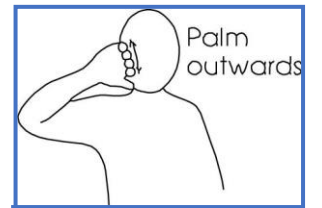
Squeeze orange at corner of mouth

Orange



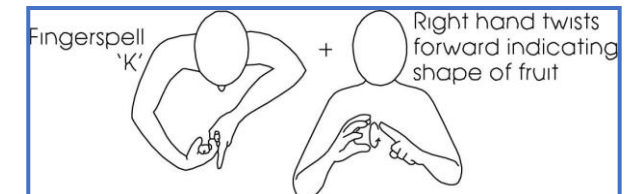
Indicate crescent shape of melon slice

Melon



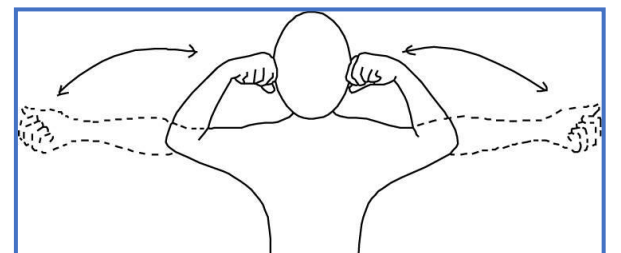
Palm outwards

Water



Fingerspell 'K' + Right hand twists forward indicating shape of fruit

Kiwi



Exercise