



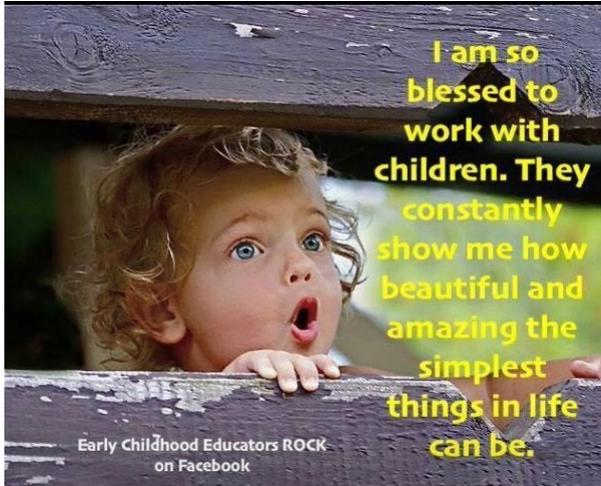
Out of the Pot!



Autumn 2019

The Term of Change

We have got to the start of another year. It is a time of mixed feelings for all of us as we are so sad that so many have left but also excited for them as they begin the next phase of their lives. We will miss all the children who have left but we know they will thrive at school. There are a number of transitions throughout nursery, whether that is transitions at home such as moving house or having a new brother or sister or simply moving rooms at nursery and these can be challenging periods for the children in our care. A wise person once said that "Any transition is easier if you believe in yourself and who you are". Our hope is that we have developed the confidence in your children to love who they are so that they are able to deal with whatever life throws at them to the best of their ability. So if you are still with us or have just joined, We hope you are having a wonderful start to your term and looking forward to Christmas which is fast approaching!



Families First We are tremendously excited at the way our charity, Families First Southampton, has continued to be a success in the city, providing support to families and in particular fathers through various challenges.



If you know anyone who might benefit from support or to find out more, visit our website — www.familiesfirstsouthampton.org

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At the end of May, David was invited to London by the director of Early Years for the South East region of Ofsted, to present to 120 inspectors on Paint Pot's approach to children's behaviour. David based his presentation on the work we have been doing in recent years, to 'Understand and Support Children's Behaviour' as opposed to 'Managing' it.

As a staff team we have learned about the neuroscience behind Adverse Childhood Experiences and the effect that resulting trauma can have on physical and mental welfare. We have learned to look beyond behaviour to ask 'What has happened to you?' rather than 'What's wrong with you?'

A compassionate and restorative approach to understanding and supporting behaviour enables us to stay focused on each child as an individual rather than on his/her behaviour. Our aim is to enable all our children to identify and regulate their emotions and to build social skills to enable them to fully participate in their communities.

Improvements We have a rolling programme of maintenance, site development and improvements. In the last few weeks, works have included -

- Refurbishment of kitchens
- New security cameras
- New toys
- New character costumes
- Improving our internet access
- New flooring at several sites



• **Training Day**

• Our annual day closure is a valuable once a year opportunity for the whole of the Paint Pots team to come together for training. It is always a busy and productive day. This year was no exception. All team members got an opportunity to visit other settings and were very enthusiastic to share ideas and learn from each other. Keep an eye out to see if there are any changes! Other sessions included:



- The new Early Years Foundation Stage and what this means for our children
- Language development—our role in teaching children language and in closing the gap for those needing more support
- Improving our larger group times

AUTUMN UPDATE



• We would like to welcome all our children and their families old and new to Paint Pots Orchard Lane Autumn term of excitement. We have lots of activities planned for the next 4 months and would love it if you could take part in as many as possible. We will be posting regular information about these on Tapestry so we would appreciate if you could log on regularly for these as well as to see what your children have been up to during their time with us. We will also be putting little home challenges you can do with your children on Tapestry. If you can not log into your Tapestry please see Joan or Charlotte who will happily help you.

• We would like to remind you of our lending library which you are more than welcome to borrow a book from to read with your child at home it is situated in the hallway. Our home sharing teddies Paola and Peter will be coming home with the children. When your child has their turn, we would appreciate if you could take some photos of what you do with it while you have it, so we can share this with the children and put the photos on our sharing tree in the hallway.



Reminders

- At the end of last term we said bye to lots of our pre schoolers, many have been back to show us how grown up they are in their uniforms.
- This term has been very busy with our new children joining us all of whom are settling in well.
- Can we remind you that we take the children out in all weathers so we are asking that you supply appropriate clothing (coat and wellies) and also spare clothes all of which should be named. We have very limited clothes for spares at the moment as we have been sending it home with the children and it is not getting returned. If you have any clothes which your child has borrowed we would appreciate if you could bring it back or if you have any clothes your child has grown out of and you are willing to donate we would be more than happy to receive it.



Dates for Your Diary



18th - 22nd Nov	Nursery Rhyme Week Christmas Play pre-school room only (to be confirmed)
18th Dec	Christmas Party all children
20th Dec	Close at 3.30 pm for Christmas Holidays
6th Jan 2020	Re- Open at 8.30 am
27th Feb 2020	Closed Staff Training Day
24th June 2020	Closed Staff Training Day