



## The Warbler- Wrens and Robins Newsletter

(part of our Bellbird Early Years offer)

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### Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of 'The Warbler', our very own Reception newsletter. Our fortnightly newsletter is exclusive to Reception and is part of the Bellbird's Early Year's offer. The Early Years is such a special time for your children and a really important part of their learning journey. We hope that our newsletter will help you to share in that journey with your children. We will be giving you some glorious sneak peeks into life in the classroom; suggestions about how you can support them at home; key reminders and updates and conversation starters to get our littlest learners talking about what they have been up to at school. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy writing it!

### Superheroes!

We have been so very proud of the confident and happy start the Wrens and Robins have made to school life. They have wowed us with how quickly they have learnt our routines and we have loved chatting with them and getting to know them better. All week we have been telling the children how proud we are of them- they are all superheroes! We read 'Super Milly and the Super School Day' together and we talked about how each and every one of them has their own superpowers. It could be being super kind, super brave, super funny or super helpful.

To celebrate these super qualities, the children made and decorated their own superhero masks and capes with much perseverance with their cutting skills- bravo Wrens and Robins! The children made superhero name badges and they had lots of fun helping the superheroes to rescue the Playmobil people out of sticky, messy situations in the messy play area. They used tweezers and nets to free them from sticky spider's webs, gloopy goo and foaming oceans! The highlight of the week was our superheroes' powers of imagination! They made power wrists bands to give them some amazing super powers such as super speed, super strength, super smiling powers, disappearing and transporting powers, x-ray vision and, the top favourite, invisibility! Mrs Lovewell and Miss Meechan had to invent their own power wrist bands to find all the invisible children at the end of the day!



### Outdoor Fun

Wrens and Robins have been enjoying their time outdoors in our woodland area. They have enjoyed digging, riding, balancing, space hopping, driving, throwing and catching, inventing, building, chatting, cooking and much more while they explore their new playground.

**School Dinner is a Winner!** On Thursday the children enjoyed their first ever school dinner. We rehearsed what they were going to do beforehand and the children came up with some brilliant ideas about what good table manners look like. So, when the big moment came, they went confidently into the dinner hall to eat their lunch. Teachers, TAs and Mid-Day Supervisors were on hand to assist the children with learning how to cut up their food and clear away their plates successfully. We were so impressed by their good manners and confidence to try their food. Super job Wrens and Robins!



**Food Glorious Food!** In honour of starting school dinners this week, we have had a week all about food! Children have made plates of their favourite food in the playdoh corner, drawn pictures of their favourite food and made fruit salads out of the right coloured tissue paper. The children designed meals for superheroes to help them grow and they giggled when painting with vegetables like celery, peppers and sweetcorn! We read the book 'Ketchup on Your Cornflakes' by Nick Sharratt and the children delighted in some cornflake and ketchup messy play. They also loved making strange combinations of food such as spaghetti pizza, sausage ice cream and popcorn soup- yucky!

**Phonics and Reading:** Next week, the children will be ready to start our phonics sessions after our morning meeting (where we talk about the weather and the day, date and month of the year). We will be starting with the sounds **s a t p** and we will be learning how to sound talk the sounds in words.

Soon, your child will be receiving a reading folder and **lilac level** reading book. These are wordless picture books for you to enjoy with your child. Ask them what they can see on the front cover and see if they can tell you what is happening on each page. Can they answer comprehension questions about the characters e.g. *Why is the boy sad?* or *Where is Mummy going?* Can they re-tell the story to you at the end?

**Maths:** This week, we have been doing lots of number talk with the children as they explore our indoor and outdoor spaces. Money has been counted out to pay for shopping in our role play areas; chocolate chips have been counted onto cookies and candles onto cakes in the playdoh area and children have been counting how many blocks tall their towers are in the woodland area. Next week, we will be starting our Maths sessions in the afternoon focusing on careful counting.

### **KS1 Gate drop offs- mornings next week**

From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, please say goodbye to your child at the **main Key Stage 1 gate**. Reception staff and a member of the Senior Management Team will be there to greet your child and help them make a confident walk down to the classroom where Mrs Lovewell and Miss Meechan will be waiting for them with a big smile! If you have any messages for us, you can tell the member of staff on the gate and they will pass them on to us.

### **Reception Curriculum Information Meeting - Wed 25 Sept 4:30-5:15pm**

We have a Curriculum information session on Wed 25 Sept at 4:30pm where we will talk to you about our Reading, Phonics and Maths curriculum and our upcoming Topic work, as well as how we assess children throughout the year.

The **session will be held in school** and is aimed at adults so it won't be suitable for children to attend. We will send out the accompanying presentation by email after the meeting in case you cannot attend in person.



