**Spring Newsletter 2021**

Firstly, we owe a couple of thank you’s to our wonderful family members!

**Thank you….**

Massive thanks to Hetty for her time, skills and support whilst helping us to update our Website.

Many thanks to all those parents who commented on our Class Dojo feedback about your views about Evergreen Forest Nursery – it was heart-warming to read them all. We hope to display the ones we received in our outdoor eating area.

Many thanks to the two Facebook reviews that we found. We were touched by your kind words Rose and Lauren, thank you so much.

What a family we are!



As previously mentioned on Class Dojo, we welcome Faith as our newest member of staff to the Evergreen Team.

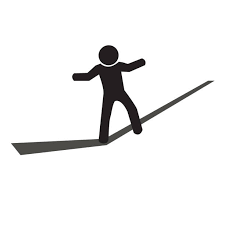
**A big ‘forest school’ welcome to Faith.**

Faith has already settled into life at Evergreen Forest Nursery and has met many of the parents at the door – so you already know how friendly, warm and welcoming she is! The children have formed secure relationships with Faith, she is already being dragged away to ‘read this book’ or ‘come and look’, or ‘ can you help me?’ by our wonderful forest schoolers.

Faith came to us from a Clitheroe Primary School and has worked alongside children for the past 11 years – we are so lucky to have her as she is passionate about children’s development in the outdoors. Her gentle approach and years of experience has made a positive impact to our Forest Family. She feels like she is at home with us here and we welcome her with all our hearts.

It’s brilliant to be working alongside Matt too, who provides plenty fun and physical activities to our forest family – we feel like our team is complete now and hope that the children are feeling the benefit of such teamwork and passion.

This last month we have also welcomed Oscar B, Cillian, Harry and Ben to our forest family – already successfully initiated with mud, meals and many friends! We have another couple of new members set to join in the next few weeks too – our places are almost full!



Parent Meetings

Fancy the chance to come and meet the Evergreen Team to discuss your child’s progress and development to date?

These plan to be very informal, a chance for you to talk about your child, offer your feedback and help develop ideas for the future.

If this is something you would like, please get in touch to arrange your meeting.

Our outdoor area continues to develop. Matt has been busy working to develop a child friendly outdoor gym area with pull up bars, wooden stepping-stones, climbing frame and a slack line. These simple features are aimed to make the most of our outdoor space and develop the children’s physical abilities. Next time your child climbs a tree, don’t say ‘be careful’ try to say ‘show me what you can do’! The children are quite good at sharing how to be safe and what they need to look out for – be confident in asking them what they think – it takes a bit of practice. The children have been using the outdoor obstacle course daily and it magically evolves each week. The children have loved mud sliding, climbing, running, jumping, balancing, stepping and also slipping, collapsing, falling and wobbling but this is how they learn. You will often hear us say ‘good fall’ as we encourage resilience, effort, determination, self-control, improved balance and safety.

Michael has increased the size of the sand pit because the children love it so much – it is now 3 times as big! We can literally all get in and share the space, it is wonderful especially when the sun shines.

Michael is also building an open terrace for us to sit and have lunch outside near to our forest playground. Our Winter Shelter was great for quick moments of indoor warmth for hot chocolate and we now hope to extend those moments for lunch outdoors whilst perhaps sheltering from the sun. Photos will follow on Class Dojo.

As mentioned on Class Dojo, we have begun cleaning our teeth as part of our daily routine to support our ‘Health and Self Care’ learning. We clean them after our breakfast to a very funky song – it lasts 2 minutes. If we have a Dentist or Dental Hygienist in our forest family, please do step forward and make yourself known as it would be wonderful to link our daily chore into a real life experience!



Coming Soon!

Parent/Carer Grandparent,

‘Stay and Play’ Coffee Afternoons

Fancy coming one afternoon for coffee and cake and to watch your children play in their forest playground with their friends?

Well you are all invited! More details to follow…



As our team is established, we intend to support Monika with every aspect of ‘work’ which includes replying to emails, messages and phonecalls, so we politely ask that you use Class Dojo app for all messages. Here there is a chance that any of the 4 members of staff can reply to your message rather than waiting for Monika to respond. This way, all members of staff are aware of any problems, questions, or queries that might arise. As Alfie says ‘Team Work makes the Dream Work’. With thanks.

Francesco Forest Bear wants to come and stay with you!

Francesco is our Forest Bear that appears in and around the forest from time to time to surprise the children and watch them grow. He has asked if he can come home to observe the children at home!!

The children will get a chance to take Francesco home and show him around, take him on outings and then bring him back to share their experiences with all the other children. He comes home complete with a folder that we would LOVE to see photos or notes from his time at home with you. This obviously is a great experience for children but will also support their language development as they can talk about real life experiences.

Please do join in and be creative!!!

Huge thanks to you all for your continued support and loyalty. From your Evergreen Team,

Monika, Karen, Faith and Matt.