

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

All aboard! This week the children have been busy with trains and transport activities.

A large group of our children have a real interest in this and it has been wonderful to watch them get involved in playing, learning and enjoying themselves. A simple role play train led to some exciting journeys and as is often the case with children's play, this soon turned into a new adventure and we were off having a splendid ride in a princess carriage.

We have looked at designing our own vehicles, both on paper, using books to get ideas first, and also using construction materials and loose parts. This has often led to the children sharing their own experiences of travelling on different modes of transport. "I went on a plane to holiday", "Daddy is picking me up on the bike today" and "I went on a train to Scotland, it was a really long train ride".

**Baby photos.**

We have used our baby photo book in a phonics activity this week. Who is the baby? The clue is the initial sound of their name! The children love to see themselves in the book so please do bring in a baby photo for us to add if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

**School preparation** is underway. We started with the fun activity, 'the big shoe muddle.' Shoes are taken off and put in a big pile and the children are challenged to find their own pair and put them back on! This is a fun way of practicing essential self-care skills that allow them to be independent and grow in confidence when they can achieve things for themselves.

**Invoices**

Summer Term Invoices were due to be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> April. **As per our Terms and Conditions, there is a £20 charge for payments received over 5 days after the payment date unless previously**

**Parent and Child Review**

Please complete and email back or hand into a member of staff.

**Lunch Boxes**

- **NO shop pesto** as it contains nuts – we have staff and children with nut allergies.
- **NO chocolate** bars or chocolate coated items.

**Makaton this week is:**  
**Train**

**Song of the week:**  
**Down At The Station**

**Postcards**

Do you have any postcards that you could donate for our World map display? We're looking for Spain, France, Germany, Romania, Bulgaria, Russia, England but any others would be nice to add.

**Term Dates**  
**Summer Term 13 weeks**

*Half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June*  
*Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May*  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June – Farm Visit (all welcome more info to follow)  
End of term - Thurs 21st July  
21<sup>st</sup> July – Picnic and graduation  
<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term-dates>



**Value of the Month is:**  
**Responsibility**

Choose an age-appropriate activity you know your child is capable of doing. Make it clear, specific and manageable to give them a chance of succeeding and feeling proud. E.g. put your puzzle in the box.