

Hello everyone!

Thanks so much to all the families that we have seen this half term. It has been lovely to welcome some new people as well as continuing to have fun with our regulars. There has been lots going on in class as well as new things developing for Happily Ever After outside of class too. Have a look below for an overview of what's been happening this term!



Storytelling Courses and The Apple Tree Cafe

We started this half term with a celebration of St George's Day, singing songs about Knights and Dragons with some adorable crafts for the children to take home with them. We followed this week with some lovely stories across the half term looking at birds and the different things they like to do, we learnt that it's okay not to win all the time and finished the half term reading The Queen's Hat to get us in the mood for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



Next Half Term

Next term we will be doing things a little differently. Due to an increase in Nursery and School bookings (more about that later), I am afraid I cannot offer a full 6-week term of sessions; however the below dates will be available to book right now as PAYG sessions at a bargain price of £8 per session instead of the usual £10. I really hope to see you there.

Ifold, Kelsey Hall - 10.15am:

Monday 6th June (make up class for missed Bank Holiday – others welcome)
Monday 27th June
Monday 4th July
Monday 18th July

Cranleigh, Guide Hall - 10.00am:

Wednesday 29th June
Wednesday 6th July
Wednesday 20th July

Make this the time you bring a friend to introduce them to our sessions, with no obligation for long-term commitment. Go to www.happily-ever-after.co.uk to book your places on these classes **today**. Our Paint a Story sessions at The Apple Tree Café are due to return in September.

Summer Holiday Sessions for 2- 5 Year Olds!

Over the Summer we are looking to run 3 sessions in the holidays for our little story lovers and we are opening the classes up to children who are currently in reception at school too. Due to popular demand we are bringing Happily ever After to Billingshurst so I hope to see you there!

Please see the details below for each session and to book your place, visit our website www.happily-ever-after.co.uk

Monday 8th August 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Ifold, Kelsey Hall, Chalk Road, RH14 0UD

Wednesday 10th August 10am – 11am

Cranleigh Guide Hall, Village Way, GU6 8AF

Thursday 11th August 10am – 11am

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Happily Ever After in Nurseries and Schools

Happily Ever After has been lucky enough to be welcomed into some new Nurseries and Pre-Schools this term, with lots of visits coming up in the next two months. It's lovely to go into these settings with so many excited faces and I have been really impressed with the children's listening and enthusiasm. We are already taking bookings for September and have many different packages to suit all requirements, including a training package to help staff develop the use of stories and nursery rhymes in Early Years Settings. If you work at a Nursery/Pre-school or Primary School and you would like to find out more about how we can support your storytelling and literacy, please email me at sam.happilyeverafter@gmail.com

Summer Fayres and Fun Days!

A few weeks ago we had a lovely time at the Brinsbury Country Show and Fayre, sharing the story *The Queen's Knickers* with some of the children. It was a gorgeous day and our stall was set up right by the ginormous Monkey Puzzle tree, perfect for a little shade at lunch time. Thank you if you came to listen to our story or if you made your own knickers and jubilee bracelet! We had such fun! If you didn't get to see us there, make sure you come and say hello when we attend The Slinfold Village Fete on June 26th and The Dauxwood Pre-school Fun Day on July 9th.



Sharing is Caring!

If you have attended one of our sessions and have enjoyed what we do, please follow our Facebook and Instagram pages and share our posts with your friends. Any small business relies on word of mouth and Happily Ever After is no different. Even better, if you could spare 5 minutes to give us a review on our Facebook page it would really help to promote what we do. Thank you.

Book List and things we've been reading at home

My daughter Isla loves a good story, and the books she has been enjoying lately include:

- *Oi Duck-Billed Platypus!* By Kes Gray and Jim Field
- *Dandelion* by Lizzie Finlay
- *Little Bear's Trousers* by Jane Hissey



Books we have covered in class this term are:

- *The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight* by Helen Docherty
- *The Knight and The Dragon* by Tommie dePaola
- *I Really Want to Win!* By Simon Philip
- *The Koala Who Could* by Rachel Bright
- *Blackbird, Blackbird What Do You Do?* By Kate McLelland
- *The Everywhere Bear* by Julia Donaldson
- *The Queen's Hat* by Steve Antony

If you or your child have a favourite book that you think would be suitable for one of our sessions please feel free to suggest it and I'll do my best to make it happen.

I hope you have a wonderful Jubilee Weekend, celebrating with family, friends, having street parties, the odd shared story and lots and lots of fun!

See you soon!
Sam x