



Nursery Newsletter June 2019

It won't be long, and June will be here 😊 We hope you have enjoyed the sunny start to the warmer months. Please can we ask you that you ensure you apply sun cream to your child before bringing them to Nursery – be this for an all-day session or when coming in later for a PM session. We will of course re-apply sun cream as needed through out the day, but we ask that you apply the initial cream, the ladies will check with you in the morning and ask you to do it before leaving if you haven't already. Please remember even if it doesn't look sunny in the morning – it may well become a sunny day, Thank you very much in advance 😊

We had a fantastic month during May, having lots of visitors for people who help us month, and watching our hatchlings grow. Our lovely chicks have now returned to the farm and are finally able to have the run of outdoors 😊. We are currently awaiting our new life cycle to progress – our caterpillars have been doing very well, so we can't wait to be able to release our butterflies into our lovely garden.

School Leavers 😊 – For those of you who have children leaving us this year for school we have a couple of reminders for you. Firstly, please remember we require 4 weeks' notice in writing (email is perfect) to formally inform us of your child's last day. We ask that you do this even if your child is term time only, so we have this formally on file. We have spoken to many of your children's teachers over the last week or so, if and when schools are able – we are welcoming new teachers to come in and see your child in the nursery setting too 😊

A couple of parents/carers have asked if children can stay later than August – this is no problem, you need to inform us of your child's last required day i.e. the first week in September asap, please remember that we have no funding for your children as of 31st August so any sessions they attend with us in September before their school start date will be fully charged.

Leaving for school and Pay by Vouchers? Please ensure that you stop your Voucher payments in time as refunding these gets very complicated due to the tax-free element.

Footwear: With fingers crossed we don't jinx the weather – please can we ask that if your child has wellies here, that they are taken home asap. We simply don't have enough room for wellies and shoes for each child and it makes it difficult for children to find their shoes when there are so many. Please can we just ask that if we do have a particularly horrid day weather wise that you are bringing your child's wellies in for the day and pop them in the buckets as you come in the front door. Thank you in advance.

** For ease of your child – when coming in, please take your child's shoes off and pop them in the shoe buckets in the front entrance, this way we have no garden hold ups of child's panics of where their shoes are 😊** (This will be a lot easier when Wellies have gone home)

THIS IS A CONTINUED IMPORTANT REMINDER: Late Collections Please, please can we send a final, polite request that if your child finishes Nursery at 1pm, that you arrive before 1pm to collect your child and receive a good hand over. We had an occasion last week where 6 children were going home at 1pm, all 6 were late too be collected – this then has a huge impact on staff break's and then an impact on the start of the PM session at 1.30.

I'm afraid that from now on we will be issuing late collection fees if parents/carers arrive past 1pm – or indeed past your agreed collection time for your child if this is different from 1pm. Our late collection fee is £5 for anything up to 5 minutes late, and a £1 a minute there after. Please understand – our late fees are steep, and we are aware of this, however we have sent reminders, polite requests and spoken to individuals for the past two months, so this really is a last resort for us. We thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation to collect within the session times.

Please remember to sign your child in and out of the register every day

Continued Reminders

Named clothes: Please continue to ensure that your child's belongings are named 😊

****As per the sun hat and sun cream memo – please can you all ensure that your child has a new factor 50, sun cream brought in named along with a named sun hat – both that can be kept here.** Please remember for our Sunny days (I'm sure they will be with us very soon!) that you **MUST** apply sun cream before sending your child into nursery, we will of course re-apply during the day as needed**

Dates for your 2019 Diary:

Christmas Shut Down Week 2019: We will be closed the w/c 23rd December 2019 (inclusive of bank holidays).

Bank Holiday Closures: Monday 26th August 2019

Term Time Families only: Return from May half term Monday 3rd June 2019. Next Term ends 23rd July. Children will then return 3rd September 2019.

Fee Payment – is the 3rd of every month – Please ensure that your invoices are paid by the payment date of the 3rd of each month for that month. Your co-operation and timely payments are much appreciated,

Kindest Regards, Natalie & The Friendly Fish Team.

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