



Nursery Newsletter October 2019

Well, we think the months of rain are upon us 😊 Not to worry – that's plenty of mud pies, splashing in puddles, making rain runs with guttering and seeing if we can make our own hide outs in the garden! All we need is for your little ones to have weather appropriate shoes, not cloth ones that soak up the water (wellies cover all eventualities), a warm and water-resistant/ waterproof coat and changes of clothes so we can go out and enjoy the rainy days just as much 😊

A big welcome to those of you who have joined us over the past month, we hope you are settling in well – remember we are always here to help so any questions no matter how big or small are welcomed. For those of you joining us in coming weeks – we are looking forward to getting you started with us. 😊

Now I'm sure some of you will be aware that our lovely Naomi from pre-school will be leaving to have her baby soon, as well as our Lovely Sarah from the baby room. We have worked hard to ensure that as little disruption is caused as possible and a smooth transition will take place for you and your little ones (even though we will all miss them both lots!). Sarah's Maternity leave will be covered by Lucy, Lucy has her level 3 qualification in Early Years and years of experience within day Nurseries and caring for little ones, as well as having worked with some of our lovely ladies in a previous setting. Lucy is extremely excited to be joining us to cover for Sarah whilst on leave. Jane, Debs and I will be introducing Lucy to you from 28th October 2019. Sarah's last day with us before starting her Maternity Leave will be Friday 25th October.

Our very own Adele, who I'm sure you will all know, will be going up to pre-school to cover for Naomi's Maternity leave. Adele will take over the Senior Practitioner position until Naomi's return. Adele will be joining pre-school as from 4th November 2019. Naomi's last day with us before starting her Maternity leave will be Friday 1st November 2019.

I'm sure you join us in wishing both ladies all the very best of luck and to enjoy their time off with their new little ones – I'm certain they will both be popping in to say hello throughout their leave so we will still see them around 😊

Lost Property – Could you please check the lost property table in the front entrance as it's getting rather full and very nearly overflowing, we will leave this here another week and then add any unclaimed items to our spares. 😊

Please can we remind you to **name your child's clothes/shoes/wellies** – it's very difficult to keep track of lots of little one's items without names 😊

Yellow Children & Family Centre registration forms – please do complete these and pop them back to us (even if you are registered) as they are updating their system and its important for your child's future that they have your correct details, so you never miss out on reminders (including starting school letters)

School starters September 2020: We will send out details when received – the opening for school applications is the 7th October through to January's deadline. If you need any advice, support or have any questions please do let us know. We will send an email and pop up posters when West Sussex release the final details.

Older Siblings: For our Parents/Carers who have older siblings that come in at drop offs or collections, can we politely ask that you do not let your children open the gates or access other gates/rooms on their own. The gates are being left open which is causing a security risk for us and potentially puts other children at risk. We also need to ask you to not let older siblings open the front door – for obvious reasons this also poses a security risk. Please understand we are not trying to be difficult, as I know some of your older children are only trying to be helpful, and although we have had no problems from this so far, we obviously want to stop the potential of something happening. We must have one rule for all, so we would appreciate if you could ensure your older children are not opening the gates or door from now on.

Pre-School Children: A polite request that children do not bring in their own toys from home. It is causing undue upset due to lost toys and many arguments over home toys with other children. Of course, a comforter is no problem at all. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Collections: Please remember to arrive at least 10 mins before the end of your child's session, be this 1pm or 6pm. The ladies Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Continued Reminders

Late Collections

We will be issuing late collection fees if parents/carers arrive past 1pm, 6pm – or indeed past your agreed collection time for your child if this is different.

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.

In case the sun shines again - ****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 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).

Term Time Families only: October Half Term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November inclusive.

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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