



Dear Parents and Carers

** March/April 2022 Nursery Update **

It has been a crazy year so far and we send our apologies that this is the first newsletter/update since January. As most of you are aware it has not been the best of starts to 2022 😞 hopefully now we are back on track and we be able to resume sending updates each month.

We would like to welcome our new children and parents that have joined us this year and we look forward to those joining us in the next few months. The children have all settled so well as have the children that have moved rooms this year.

Easter is nearly upon us, hopefully by then the weather will be much better than recent weeks! Please can we remind parents as the weather gets warmer and the sun makes an appearance you will need to apply sun screen to your child before arrival at nursery. We also ask that you supply a named sun screen that we can keep here to re-apply when needed. We will hopefully be able to begin to send Wellies home as hoping this year will be a lovely summer and the children will not need to wear them in our lovely garden! We also will ask you for named sun hats to further protect you child from the suns rays. Again this can stay here to avoid them being forgotten and in case the weather looks cloudy in the morning then brightens up and hats are needed.

Welcoming you in to collect: As from w/c 4th April 2022 we will be welcoming you in to collect your little ones. Please remember considering how well your children have settled we will always be continuing with the door drop offs in the mornings but are excited to welcome you back in to collect.

As you are aware we always used to request you were arriving by 5.50pm at the latest to collect so we can give you a hand over and time to leave the building. We are requesting that you arrive to collect by 5.45pm at the latest, but if you can we are asking you are with us before 5.30pm, this is to help all the ladies settle back into this way of nursery life again, and most importantly so we can continue to ensure our heightened cleaning duties are carried out.

We will ask that you help us by doing the following at collections:

- **DO NOT under any circumstances let anyone else into the building** when you are entering or leaving – even if you know them – A staff member must let them in for safety reasons.
- We respectfully request that if another parent does offer to hold the door for you that you decline, buzz and wait for a staff member to welcome you in.
- Remember to **close all stair gates** on your way into and out of the building for everyone's safety.
- **Staff will direct you** at initial pickups so you know where you are going and how your child's room will be running pickups.
- **Only one adult in at a time** to collect a child – this is because we have small corridors and lots of stairs so will prevent overcrowding.
- **MASKS** – We cannot ask that you wear masks but if you would feel more comfortable wearing one please feel free to do so.

We will be making sure collections/handovers are personalised, but as efficient as possible so we don't get a large collection of parents in communal areas.

Fee Increase– A reminder that the fee increase will take effect on your April invoices and the payment date is by the 3rd. Please can we ask if you pay by tax free childcare that you check your account to make sure the funds have been transferred to us. We have been informed that this is sometimes not happening even if you have requested payment to be sent on a certain day every month.

Tapestry – If you are joining us soon please do go on and complete your child's "all about me" prior to your settle which will be arranged in good time. This way we have a lovely insight into your little one before they start with us. Instructions on how to do this will be within your pre-start email.

Facebook Page: If you haven't already, please don't forget to like our Facebook page! We usually put regular updates on there as well as pictures and videos of all the fantastic activities we get up to! Again we apologise these have not been regular but we are hoping to resume this regularly too. Also, we would love any reviews from you all on the 'review' section of the page, if you have a spare couple of minutes! 😊

Dates for your diary:

Comic Relief: Friday 18th March – We are inviting children to either dress in Red or any dressing up they wish to wear. We will be accepting donations at the door if you would like to donate some pennies for a very good cause.

Easter half term dates: Week Commencing 11th April returning on 25th April 2022 for our term time only families

Nursery also closed: Good Friday 15th April and Easter Monday 18th of April for all families.

Term Time only families: Return Monday 25th April 2022.

May Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May. Nursery closed to all families.

Christmas Closure week 2022: w/c26th December 2022

Kind Regards,
Natalie, Debs and the Nursery Team