



Dear Parents and Carers

**** June 2022 Nursery Update ****

We hope everyone enjoyed the jubilee celebrations, we had great fun with the children and our garden party 😊

Pre School: School Leavers

For those parents whose children will be going to school in September Please can we ask that you give us 4 weeks' notice for your child to leave if your child is not term time only. The term time only children will leave on the 22nd of July, the last day of term. For those not term time only if you need your child to attend beyond 31st August and into September, we have a limited number of spaces available if you let the office know what you need as soon as you can then we can see what we can do for you. Please do remember however that your child's funding will end on the 31st August 2022 so any booked sessions for September will be charged at the Preschool session rate. If you use the Tax Free Childcare system at the moment this can continue if you are needing September spaces.

You may have all noticed our chicks have flown the nest 😞 Our five feathery friends grew a little too big for the home we had for them, so they are now running free and being cared for by the lady that supplied the eggs. It was lovely to see the children looking at them and asking questions. Hopefully, all being well, we will give it another go next year 😊

A few continued reminders around collecting your little ones:

- **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. We know some gates are a little tricky so please do ask for assistance.
- When collecting from the garden and if you do not wish to speak to a member of staff for a handover Please can we ask that you let a member of staff know you are taking your child so we know your little one has vacated the building.
- 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 or the garden.
- Please remember we are still deep cleaning every room at the end of the day so we ask that you please do not enter the rooms on collection of children to enable us to keep as germ free as we possibly can.

We have a few reminders this month passed on by the ladies within each room, if you could help us, it would be much appreciated!

- Please can you discourage your children from bringing in toys from home. We have very little storage room and we would so not like a toy to go missing or get broken.
- Please **don't allow your children to come in eating food** – we have many children with allergies, as such we can't let your little ones into the rooms with food, and it often ends in upset which we obviously wish to avoid.
- **Fee payments** – Please can you work with us to ensure that your fees are paid on time – the 3rd of each month, for that current month. We are aware that a lot of you using the tax-free childcare payment system are struggling with automatic payments not being sent over. Please can we ask that you check your TFC account the day it is meant to be released to us, so if it hasn't your aware and can manually transfer it to us. Unfortunately, we have had a huge amount of late fees in recent months, and it does have an impact on us as a small business.
- Please can we ask those parents that collect their little ones at 1pm to please arrive before 1pm so the ladies can hand over what your child has been up to for the morning. This will ensure that our morning families have vacated the building by 1pm which means our lovely ladies can then have breaks on time so as not to cause a knock on effect with ratio numbers for the beginning of the afternoon sessions.
- **Clothes for all weathers** – I know it's difficult to know what to dress your little ones in at the moment with the weather not being able to make up its mind. Can we also remind parents to please apply sun cream before your child comes in to nursery and we will re apply if they are with us all day and need a top up. As you can imagine it can take a long time to put cream on all of the children which then takes away play time in the fresh air.
- Morning arrival- just a reminder that the children start their breakfast/snack around 9am. Please do make sure your little one has had something to eat if they will be here later in the morning. We understand it can be difficult to get little ones ready and out but it would be lovely if they were here to sing our hello songs that both pre school and toddlers sing and all have breakfast together.

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. If you have joined us already and have not yet filled this in we would so appreciate it. For those of you who have children that have moved rooms

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 apologies 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:

End of term for our term time only families: Friday_22nd July 2022

Return after the summer for our term time only families: Monday 5th September 2022

Christmas Closure week 2022: w/c 26th December 2022

Kind Regards,
Natalie, Debs and the Nursery Team