



## January 2023 Newsletter.

Happy new year to all of our lovely families 😊 and here's to a great 2023 with lots of fun for our children 😊 We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break despite all of the bugs and viruses that seem to have been going round affecting children and adults.

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023 😊 Firstly we would like to welcome you all back after the Christmas break and to also welcome our new families joining us over the next couple of months. All of the Friendly Fish team send their thanks for all of our lovely gifts, Christmas cards and kind words that we had from our families for Christmas, all are very much appreciated so Thank You 😊

We are going to send our newsletters out at the beginning of each term now instead of monthly however if there is anything organised or any changes we will send out a separate memo to inform you of any news.

Please read the reminders below:

**Children's belongings-** Please can parents make sure that all clothing, bags, shoes and any other belongings are named. This greatly helps the ladies identify belongings to ensure they go home at the end of the day.

**Arrival:** Please can we ask that your children arrive before 9am in the morning. As we are doing rolling breakfast we are aiming to get this cleared away by 9 so the children can use the rooms for fun things. Arriving late can also have an impact on not only children as their friends will already be enjoying some fun filled activities but it also can have an impact on staff too. Your cooperation in this would be much appreciated.

**1pm Finish-** Please can we remind parents whose children are a morning session only that children need to have vacated the building by 1pm. Parents arriving dead on 1pm and wanting a handover then having to get ready to leave can have an impact on the afternoon sessions and our lovely ladies having a well earned break before the afternoon children arrive.

**Personal Details-** Please can we ask parents should you move house, change phone number or any other information changes that you let the office know so we can amend and update our records.

**Facebook:** We had lots of requests to change Facebook consent over the Christmas period. If you requested that your child was not to be included on our Facebook page or website on registration, please do let us know if you would like to change this.

**Tax Free Childcare-**For those parents accessing the Tax Free Childcare please can we remind you to check your accounts as the system (theirs not ours!) is apparently being quite uncooperative and not sending the payments over to us correctly or at all. If we could ask that you check your Tax Free Childcare accounts just after the day you have set up for the transfer to ensure it has been sent that would be extremely helpful and will save you getting reminders from our system. Hopefully at some point in the near future they will improve their system!

**Food reminder: Pre school and Toddler Parents-** Please can parents not send their children in with food (including sweets) either holding when arriving, in their pockets or in their bags. This can be upsetting for children if we need to ask parents to take it back on arrival at the door. Children have access to others bags and coats and should any of them rummage and find something tasty that they might eat, that child could have an allergy and become unwell. We have many children with different allergies and we need to keep them all safe.

**Parking reminder:** Please can we remind parents and also inform our new parents that our driveway is not for using to park on when dropping off or collecting children. For the safety of all our families and their children we ask that you park on the road outside nursery.

There may be the odd occasion when management will need to park their cars on the drive but this would be outside the drop off and collection times to ensure the safety of all children.

#### **Dates for your Dairy:**

**February half term:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. For our term time only families half term ends Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and return is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**Easter Half Term:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. For our term time only families term ends Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and returns Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. **Please note-**For all family's nursery is **closed to all** for Bank Holidays on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

**May bank holiday:** Nursery closed to all Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May (open as usual from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May)

**Kings Coronation bank holiday:** Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> Closed to all.

**May half term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May (bank holiday) -Nursery closed to all. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for our term time only families return Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**End of Term July:** Last day of term for our term time only families 21<sup>st</sup> July. Term time only children going to school in September 2023 this will be leaving week. For children returning in September our first day back will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**October half term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October-Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Term time only families return Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Christmas Half Term:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Term time only families term ends Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and returns Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Nursery Closed to all Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December -Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Nursery re opens to all Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

Thank you

The Friendly Fish Team