



Nursery Newsletter ~ April 2023

Adventure 'Grass Garden'

As part of our continuous 'Development Plan' for the nursery, we have been gathering quotes from landscapers for an addition to further enhance our large play area. The committee have now approved chosen plans and we aim for the work to be commenced during the May half term holiday. The plans are displayed in the foyer for you to view if you wish to do so.

During the Easter break we have had a small boat installed on the soft surface within the garden, which the children are already accessing. This has been very popular as an extension to their imaginative play.

School Intake September 2023

Now we have details of the schools that have been allocated for our leavers, we have made contact and will be liaising with them to ensure smooth transitions for the children. Please ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns.

Transitions within the nursery

After half term, we will be sending 'Welcome Information' to all those children who are moving up to the next room in September. For the children who are moving into another room, transitions will take place after half term supported by a familiar member of staff.

Sessions for September 2023

September is already looking very busy and there are limited places available. If you are planning to change days/sessions, please could you let Louise know as soon as possible to ensure that we can accommodate you.

30 Hour Free Entitlement

If you are eligible for 30-hour Free Entitlement and your child is in the grace period, you will have received an email. Please ensure that you have re-applied as if you do not respond this will affect your free childcare allowance. The renewal email is sent to you every three months.

Children who are eligible for Free Entitlement from September 2023 will receive forms after half term and instructions on how to apply for 30 hours. The deadline for applying is 31st August 2023.

Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free childcare is a government scheme which will be available to many parents to help with their childcare costs. For more information on how to apply, and the full eligibility, go to:

GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Contact Information

Please ensure that you notify the office of any change to your contact details. This includes home, work, mobile numbers and email addresses (especially the email address you wish the bill payer to receive). Please ensure that we also have up-to-date emergency contact details for anyone who may collect your child if the situation arises

Menu change

From 24th April 2023 there is a change of menu from our food providers Zebedees. If you would like a copy please ask a member of staff, or alternatively view details on their website.

Parents Evening

We are in the process of arranging a 'Parents Evening' for the next half term. This will enable you to discuss your child's progress with their Key Person. You will have the opportunity to see the next room if your child is moving through the nursery in September, and to meet the staff. We always hope for good weather so that you can explore our large outdoor environment. Details will follow.

Toys from home

Please could you try to avoid bringing in toys from home. The reason for this is that they can so easily get broken or lost. Please could you ensure any toys or clothes are named. Many thanks.

Pre-School Artwork

The Pre-School children now each have a named folder, to make it easier for you to collect their artwork. Please leave their folder in the box provided which will be situated under the 'self-registration' board.

Changes to staff

Chloe from the Pre-School room is leaving on Friday 28th April, to work at an all-year-round nursery. She has been with us from 2019 and has now successfully completed her Level 2 and 3 Childcare qualifications. We wish her all the very best.

We welcome Denise to the Pre-School.

Claire is now working towards her Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification and will be in the Toddler Room this term, Katie can be found in the Pre-School and Sam in the Toddler Room.

Nursery T-Shirts

Nursery t-shirts are available to purchase from the main office at a cost of £6.50 each or £12 for two



May Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023
End of Summer Term Friday 21st July 2023

Autumn Term – Friday 1st September – Friday 15th December 2023
Half term Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any queries.

Louise and the Nursery Team.