



# Nursery Newsletter Summer 2019 (Half term1)

## Welcome

Welcome back everyone we hope that you had a lovely break. We would like to say a warm welcome to all the parents, carers and children that are joining us from this 1<sup>st</sup> half term. We want you to know that we have a completely open-door policy, where you can talk to us about anything. We are here for you, so if you have any concerns, comments or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff, or your child's key person, or the manager.

## Educational Focus

This half term we shall be focusing on people who help us in the community. Over the next six weeks we will be having over people from different professions such as doctors, nurses, vets, dentists, police, firemen, teachers, parents, family members, etc to come and speak to our children at the nursery. This will help them to have better understanding of what these people do in the community. It is also geared at giving them a first-hand experience of services in the community that are central to our day to day life.

This will help to give them a sound link to understanding the world around them; support their communication and language by getting to talk about these people and services as well as deepen their personal social and emotional development through role playing these services and the professionals.

### Home Activities:

To encourage the learning that your child will get from the above activities, there are things that you can do together at home:

- \* Discuss with your children all the different services and visit them
- \* Look at books, photos and information about the different professionals.

## \*Staff Training and Meetings\*

We would like to say a big thank you to all of you for picking up your children to enable us to have our last staff training session. We believe that doing it this way is better than shutting down and causing childcare stress for our parents on a work day. Our next training day is:

**On Tuesday 21st May 2019**

**The nursery will close at 5pm, please make sure your child is picked up on time by 4:45pm.**

**Thanks for your cooperation.**

## Dates for your Diary

- 19/04/2019 – Good Friday (Nursery Closed)
- 22/04/2019 – Easter Monday (Nursery Closed)
- 23/04/2019 – St Georges Day
- 23/04/2019 -26/04/2019 (Meet the Key Person week)
- 21/05/2019 - Staff meeting (Early closure)
- 27/05/2019 – 31/05/2019 Summer Half Term (Non funded)

**May is National Smile Month**

## Meet the key Person Week

We will be holding another meet the key person week from 23/04/2019 – 26/04/2019.

This meeting is an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's key person and discuss the progress their child has made from the last time, what the nursery will be focusing on next for the child and any valuable addition relating to what the child is showing interests in outside the nursery.

Please register your attendance in your child's room with the key person.

## Staff Update

We have had new staff join us in the past few weeks.

Serra has joined us as a senior practitioner and is now in charge of the Toddlers room. Margaret will also continue to feature in the room to ease the transition for staff and children.

Bethney has also joined us as a newly qualified Early Years practitioner. She will be supporting in all the rooms. Please join us in welcoming them.

## Suitable Clothing

We go out to play in all weather and due to the unpredictability of our weather, we ask that children bring wellingtons and waterproof clothing and spare clothes as well as indoor pumps. Also, as the weather begins to get warmer, please provide hats, sunglasses and sun cream if you do not want to use nursery provided sun cream.

### 30 Hour Funding

- You will be eligible for the 30-hour funded childcare offer if:
- You earn more than the equivalent of 16 hours at the national living wage or minimum wage per week: for example, £120 per week if you are 25 or older.
- You earn less than £100,000 per year.
- If you no longer meet the eligibility criteria, your child's 30-hour place will continue to be funded for a 'grace period'. You should discuss this with your provider if and when you lose eligibility. The table below outlines how long the grace period will last, depending on when you become ineligible for the offer.

Date parent's 30 hours eligibility code becomes invalid:	LA audit date:	Grace Period end date:
1 Jan – 10 Feb	11 February	31 March
11 Feb – 31 March	1 April	31 August
1 April – 26 May	27 May	31 August
27 May – 31 August	1 September	31 December
1 September – 21 October	22 October	31 December
22 October – 31 December	1 January	31 March

- If you want to start the 30 hours entitlement in September 2019, the Department for Education is encouraging parents who want to take up a 30 hours place in the autumn term to apply NO LATER THAN THE END OF JUNE, to get their code in good time.
- For parents in receipt of the 30 hour funding, you are responsible for checking your code is updated for each term to ensure you are covered for the term ahead. You can read more about it by visiting <http://www.familycorner.co.uk/30-hours-free-childcare-guide-parents>

#### CAN YOU HELP?

Are you a nurse, a postman, a vet, firefighter, policeman, dentist, doctor, teacher, shop assistant etc. do you have some spare time to come into the nursery and tell our children about your role in the community? If so please speak to Ruth or Carley

#### \*Notice for Parents/Carers\*

We would like to be able to do more with your families. We would like you to be involved in the activities that we plan and as such we want you to make note of the dates and plan to be available when they are taking place. Always look at the dates for your diary part of the newsletter to see what we have coming up.

-we would shortly be sending out new consent forms, please sign and return them to the nursery.

#### Arrival & Collection of children

We would like to politely remind parents/carers to kindly adhere to their contractual arrival and collection times.

Arriving too early or late for collection can affect our staff to children ratio and to avoid this we will ask you to wait outside if you have arrived too early for drop. If you are consistently late for collection we will have to follow the procedure set out in our arrival and departure policy. Please contact the office if you would like a copy of this document.

#### Feedback

We would like to thank all parents for attending the meet the key person day this term. This is going to be an ongoing event as you will see on our nursery annual calendar that will be sent out later. We really appreciate your feedback, good or bad. We value parent contributions which hopefully will help towards making us a better nursery and as such don't just tell us what you think we want to hear, please tell us what we need to hear. Also, if you have any comments or suggestions about our nursery; or if you would like to get more involved; please do not hesitate to speak to Ruth.

#### Birthdays this half term:

Happy Birthday to:

- ❖ Alfie
- ❖ Nia-Rose
- ❖ Rosie
- ❖ Poppy
- ❖ Harrison T
- ❖ Elisia
- ❖ Haidyn

We wish you all a very happy birthday