

# Newsletter

## Summer 2021



Hello everyone,

We hope you have all been keeping well over the last few months and are finally feeling like we are beginning to get back to some sort of normality. We are thrilled that restrictions have started to ease and hope you feel the same. Hopefully this is the start of a brighter few months and a fantastic Summer.

Please still ensure you are being vigilant regarding COVID symptoms, and if you or your child displays either of the three main symptoms, you isolate and go for a test. This is the only way to ensure everyone stays safe. Please do remember that advice should be sought from a healthcare professional immediately if any symptoms are detected in children under 5.

### **Re-Introduction of Resources**

With the easing of restrictions nationally, we have made the decision to reintroduce sand, water and playdough into the setting. These are activities that the children love and provide so many different and exciting learning opportunities for them. We have updated our COVID-19 risk assessment accordingly, and if you would like to read this, it can be viewed on our website.

### **Mealtimes**

During mealtimes the children are now sitting in the same room. This mixing is supervised and the children are seated on tables with children from their own room. This helps us with staffing during these times. The children then go back to play in their own room. After tea, the children that are left play together.

### **Registration Forms**

For those children not going to school in September, you will be issued with a new registration form to complete over the next few weeks. Please return this to us as soon as possible.

### **Weather appropriate clothing**

Sun cream should be applied before your child attends for their session. If they attend all day, it will be reapplied at lunchtime. If your child has skin issues and requires their own sun cream, please ensure you provide this.

Please ensure you send weather appropriate clothing for your children. It is a good idea to have 1 or 2 spare changes of clothes in their bag for if the weather changes and they need something warmer, or they need to get changed due to getting messy or having an accident. Sandals can be worn, however please ensure they have a fastening and they are not slip on/flip flop/slider style. These can become a hazard when using the bikes or running around. Ideally toes should be covered to avoid any injuries.

### **Packed Lunches**

Please could you ensure you put an ice pack in with your child's lunch. Please ensure the box/bag you send lunch in is labelled with your child's name as several children have the same box.

### **Water Bottles**

We provide water for the children and they have access to fresh water all day. You do not need to provide a water bottle for your child. It is difficult for us to store these and they often have the same ones meaning it cannot be guaranteed they won't get mixed up. If you wish to provide a drink for lunchtime, please ensure this fits in their lunch box/bag.

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### Hot Dinners (from September)

We are hoping to reintroduce hot dinners from September, however for this to be financially viable we need to be serving at least 20 dinners a day. If you would like your child to have a hot dinner in September, please ask Helen or your child's keyworker to add their name to the new hot dinner list. Dinners will be charged at £2.50 per day and billed monthly. Should we receive enough interest, hot dinners will begin again on Tuesday 31st August 2021.

### Information Sheets

We have enclosed some information sheets that might be useful to you.

- Car Seat Safety - It is hugely important that children are restrained correctly whilst in the car. UK law dictates that all children must use an appropriate car seat until they are 12 years old or 135cm tall. Please find a fact sheet attached. Should you need any further information, please get in touch and we will do our best to help.
- Cutting Fruit & Vegetables - Please ensure food is being cut in a way that minimises the choking risk. Please find more information attached.
- Healthy Lunchboxes - Please find information included about how to prepare a healthy and well balanced packed lunch.
- Toilet Training - If you need any support with toilet training, please speak to your child's key worker or Helen. You do not have to do these things alone.

### Upcoming Events

- 28th June - 2nd July - Beach Week
- 5th July-9th July - Sports Day Week
- Graduation Pictures

### Staff Updates

Vicki has returned from her maternity leave and we are thrilled to have her back. Vicki is now working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Anisha is still on her maternity leave. Anisha welcomed another little girl into their family and we are thrilled at her safe arrival.

Lauren left us in April, to pursue her cheerleading and take up a term time position at another Nursery. We wish her all the best in all her future endeavours.

And finally, Ebony joined us. Ebony is our newest member of staff and is working Monday-Friday. She is based in the 2-3 Room and the Baby Room.

The website has been updated to reflect these changes, you can see more information in the 'Meet the Team' section.

We have made two further appointments over the last few weeks, and will inform you once our newest members of staff have joined us.

### Theme Weeks

Thank you for your enthusiasm and engagement with our theme weeks so far. The children are really enjoying having regular focusses, and they love dressing up.

If you are not in a position to provide an outfit for them to wear during these theme weeks, please do not worry. They will not be left out, and we will always have things they can wear and do whilst at Nursery to engage with the theme and join in with their peers.

### Thank You

Thank you for all your co-operation throughout this difficult time and as ever, if you have any worries, questions or concerns about anything at all, please do get in touch.