



NEWSLETTER

28 APRIL 2021

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

We are now into the Summer Term and it has been lovely to enjoy some sunshine! You may have noticed that we have begun some improvements to our Outdoor Area which includes some new resources for our mud kitchen which the Twos and Pre-schoolers have been thoroughly enjoying! Although you will not see the Baby Garden as you walk through this is also undergoing a re-vamp! At nursery it is part of the EYFS requirements that we play outdoors every day as in Early Years we recognise the importance of being outdoors and the extra learning opportunities this brings for the children across all areas of learning.

We have all-in-one puddle suits for all ages for when the good old British rain reappears but meanwhile can we please ask that you provide a hat and send your child in with sun cream applied, where possible, for the hotter days. If we have your authority to apply sun cream we can also do this where necessary.

GRADUATION PICTURES

Brightside Photography will be visiting the setting on **Monday 24th May 2021** to take photographs of the children. This is a lovely opportunity to purchase a professional photo as a nursery memento. There will be an early slot allocated for children who do not normally attend on that day.

INTERCOM SYSTEM

When using the intercom please be sure to press one button at a time. Pressing the buttons simultaneously causes a jam & will further delay your entry into nursery. Please allow a few minutes for the intercom to be answered before pressing another button as we are probably playing with the children and need time to get to there.

Please also ensure you are pressing the button for the room your child attends.

TAPESTRY

Can we please remind all parents to activate their Tapestry accounts.

If your activation link has expired please inform a member of staff.

Tapestry is a really useful tool for you to be able to track your child's development.

You are able to view what your child has been doing whilst in nursery & also gives you a chance to upload content for staff to see what your child has been doing at home.

We would encourage all parents to upload pictures of any fun your child has had as this really helps to give us a full picture.

You can also access a range of activity ideas to support your child's learning at home in the 'documents' and or 'activities' tabs.



LATE PICKUP

A friendly reminder to all parents to ensure you are picking your child up on time. Failure to do so will result in you being charged a 'late pickup' fee, you will be charged £5 for every 10 minutes you are late. We appreciate there may be times where circumstances mean you are running late, in these instances we request you give us a call to make us aware.

If this becomes a frequent occurrence, then we will have no option but to apply the policy.

The vast majority of parents do pick up on time and we thank you for this.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 3rd May
May Day (CLOSED)

Weds 12th/Thurs 13th May 2021

Eid-ul-fitr

If you have not already done so please let us know whether your child will be attending nursery ASAP.

Mon 17th May 2021
Nursery Eid Party

Mon 24th May 2021
Nursery Photographs

Thursday 13th June 2021
Queens Birthday

Saturday 12th June
Fathers Day

Half term dates: we break up for term time children on:

Friday 28th May 2021

& we re-open:

Monday 7th June 2021*

For our all year round children nursery will be open as normal. If you would like to book your child in for holiday club please speak to a member of staff.

* **NB** correct date. Date on holiday schedule incorrect!

EID PARTY

Our Eid party will be held on
Monday 17th May 2021

We would be grateful to receive donations of packaged foods, due to Covid restrictions we unfortunately cannot currently accept home made food. Please speak to us if you would like to ask what to bring.

PAYMENTS

Can we remind parents to set up standing orders if you haven't already done so. All payments should be made by the 26th of each month. Failure to do so could result in your child's place being suspended.

CHILDRENS BELONGINGS

Can you ensure to:

- Bring children's belongings in a small backpack & to avoid bringing carrier or drawstring bags, this is for health & safety reasons
- Label all children's belongings
- Avoid bringing in toys or valuables as we cannot take responsibility for any losses and our Covid-19 Risk assessment currently prohibits this.
- **Bring in own nappies & wipes- (please note there is charge if you continue to use nursery supplies)**
- Provide spare clothing on a daily basis as children will most likely get their clothes messy during play
- Provide weather appropriate clothing

Please note we do supply sunscreen, you can check with staff to see the brand used at the time or if you prefer you can provide your own

TIPS AND TRICKS

In this newsletter we would like to focus on potty training. When to start potty training will depend on the individual child. Every child is different; they learn to walk and talk at different times and they learn how to use the toilet at different times too. However, most children are ready to be potty trained between 18 months and 3 years old.

You know your child better than anyone else so don't feel you have to start potty training just because other people think you should.

It has to be the right time for toilet training to start; when you can devote lots of time and effort to it. If you're moving house or there's a new baby on the way, it's probably not the best time to start teaching your child to use the potty.

See the attached sheet 'Top 10 Potty Training Tips' from 'ERIC' for more information.