



## August 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the August edition of our nursery newsletter. There are a lot of exciting changes coming to the nursery in September time so please keep checking for any messages and updates that will be sent through the parent admin system

### Parent Messages

- If you believe you will be eligible for 30 hours childcare for 3 – 5 year olds from September please ensure you register for your code before 31<sup>st</sup> August otherwise you will not be able to claim the hours until January. For more information or to check eligibility please go to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)
- If you are recommending parents please ensure you tell them exactly where we are as some children are registering in the old building believing that this is still Daisy Chain.

### Room and Planning changes

Following feedback from our nursery team we have decided that in September we will move back to a more standardised system of organising the rooms by age. We feel the current system no longer suits the children that we have in our care at this time and believe they would benefit from being in a class with children of similar age.

The rooms will be split as follows:

Little Blossoms 0-2 Years

Sunflower 2-3 Years

## Bluebells 3-5 Years

Daisy room will remain with no age restrictions.

We will be carrying out settling in sessions during the holidays and if your child will be returning in September into a different class we will be in touch near the end of the month to organise some settling in.

We have also amended our planning system to ensure that we are planning for all areas of learning directly from things that will interest the children. The current interest areas are 'Superheros' and 'princesses' If you have any resources that you can donate or Ideas that fit with these, they would be greatly appreciated.

### Online Learning Journeys

We are currently in the process of trailing some online learning journey systems to give you a better insight into the children's development at nursery. This will also enable you to add comments to the children's observations as they go live and will enable you to access the children's observations instantly. These systems free up time for the team members which enable them to spend more time supporting the development of the children. If you have any questions about online learning journeys please speak to myself or Michael. More information will follow when we have chosen the best system to use.

### Children's centre Activities

There are a wide variety of activities available at county and Walton children's centers during the summer holidays where you can go along with your children and join in the fun. Some events are:

Mondays – Tumble tots – 10-11.30

Tuesdays – Musical movers – 10 -11.30

Thursday – Story Explorers @Spellow library 10.30 – 12

Friday – Messy Play – 10-11.30

2<sup>nd</sup> August – Acorn farm comes to county 10-12

9<sup>th</sup> August – Sports Day 1-3pm

16<sup>th</sup> August – Teddy Bears picnic 1-3pm

23<sup>rd</sup> August – Zoo Lab 10-11am

If you would like more information please contact the center on 0151 2333760.

### Nursery Events

During August time we will be holding a series of keeping in touch events where all parents, children and families will be welcome to join us to ensure they keep familiarity with the nursery and the team during the holidays. We understand this can be a long time for the children and we want to make the transition back in September as easy as possible for them.

The first event will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am – 11 am and will be a messy morning so please come along and join us and wear some old clothes so you can get messy with the children.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Teddy Bears picnic – Please come along with the children and join in making health snacks for our teddy bears picnic.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Sports Day – Family, Children and friends are invited to take part in some sporting events with certificates and prizes for the winners

W/C 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August – Settling back in days. You will be contacted by the nursery to arrange to come in with the children for 2x 1 hour sessions to help them settle back into the nursery before returning on 4.9.17.

### Parent portage

Portage is the system we currently use at the nursery to support children with SEN or any form of developmental delay. Portage is about breaking learning down into small steps and supporting the children to achieve one step at a time.

In September we will be holding a portage class for parents. This will be an 8 week course and it will be highly valuable in enabling you to support your

children's development effectively. We have had a lot of interest from other settings however we would like to offer this to our own parents first. If you would be interested in this please speak to myself and I can book a place for you. The children will be able to attend the nursery for the hour that the class is being run for and a member of the team will be attending the class to support our parents.

Kind Regards

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