



January - March 2023 Newsletter

Happy New year - we would like to wish all our children and families a Happy New year and all the best for 2023!

Tax Free childcare:

Please follow the following link to find any information on what you are entitled to towards childcare. This includes funding and tax free childcare for working families.

[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

Session times

Please can all session times be adhered to, if your child is booked in 09:15 - 14:15 for example and you would like feedback from the session then please arrive 5-10 minutes early to receive this. On several occasions we have had parents turning up at 14:20 and 14:30 which is then the afternoon session and the staff member should be back in ratio to support the learning of the other children. This will occur late charges added to the invoice.

Door

Please can we ensure the nursery door in reception is closed when arriving or collecting your child for the safety of all the children in the nursery.

Colder Weather

Now the weather is turning colder, please can the children be provided with wellies, coats, hats, and gloves as we like to access the outdoors in all weathers.

Can we also ask you to provide slippers/plimsolls or slipper socks in case the fire alarm rings, and we need to exit the nursery quickly.

Policy:

Nursery closure will only happen in an exceptional circumstance which is defined as something which has happened beyond our normal level of control such as

1. Lack or failure of heating.
2. Accidental damage or vandalism to the setting making it unfit for purpose.
3. Failure in supply of services (water, sewerage, electricity, gas).
4. Ratios due to illness or understaffing.
5. Extreme weather conditions such as snow, flood or storm.

If the setting closes due to circumstances beyond our control then fees and funded hours will not be refunded.

Exclusion policy

If your child has had any medication before coming into nursery, they are deemed unwell to attend nursery. This is advice from public health as it may mask a temperature/illness.

Strep A

Please see the following link for any advice on signs and symptoms. Please can you make nursery aware of any cases that have been diagnosed so we can make other parents aware as well as having to report to OFSTED, public health etc.

[What is strep A and what are the symptoms? - BBC News](#)

Donation for Christmas toy appeals

We would like to say a big thankyou all the families that have donated gifts for the Christmas toy appeal, this has gone to families in need and have helped many local families.

New starters

We would like to Welcome the children who have recently started with Happy Days or are due to start with us. We hope you enjoy your time with us, and we look forward to sharing some adventures together.

Happy Days would like to wish a Happy Birthday to all the Children and Staff celebrating their Birthdays in January, February, and March.



Room structure:

Senco – Jo, Sarah and Becki

Nursery cook - Kim

Caterpillar Room – Kayla, Sophie, Chloe, Hayleigh and Natalie

Butterfly Room – Emma, Angella, Abbie and Becki

Preschool Room – Sarah, Rachael, Beth and Gabi

Bugs club staff – Ellie, Emma, Rachael and Angella

Student – Sophie

Goodbye:

Unfortunately Denise is on a long road to recovery from breast cancer and feels that she will not be able to return to nursery in the near future due to the nature of the job therefore Denise is retiring from this job in childcare. We wish Denise all the best for the future.

Introductions:

We would like to introduce Beth, She will be starting her apprenticeship in the preschool room. Beth will be starting her induction in December and will be introducing herself to yourselves.

Politeness: Please can parents be courteous to the staff members when speaking to them, it has been brought to my attention that some parents are being abrupt with staff members which is quite upsetting for them. If you would like to speak to management, please ask the staff member who will be willing to help you at any point.

Sickness

If your child shows any signs of being unwell or has a temperature above 37.8, please keep them off from nursery. This is to stop it from spreading to other children and staff. If your child is on prescription medication, they must be well within themselves to attend nursery otherwise they will be sent home. Children must have been on the medication 48 hours prior to returning to nursery. Child's medication will only be accepted at the managers discretion. If your child has had calpol/nurofen prior to attending nursery the children will be deemed unwell to attend their nursery session.

Attendance

If your child will not be attending nursery, please notify the nursery as soon as possible either by email or telephone.

Reminder

What should I have in my bag.....?

Every child should bring:

*wipes

*Spare outfits including a top, bottoms, socks, and pants
(minimum 2 sets, more if your child is toilet training)

*Appropriate outdoor clothing

If applicable, please also send:

*nappies/pull ups

*Daily diary

*Bottles & formula

*Comforters



If your child borrows clothes from nursery, please can you make sure you return them as soon as possible as our stock does run low.

Dates for your diary.....

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Funding Starts- We look forward to welcoming all the children back to nursery and hearing about their adventures over the Christmas holidays.

Funding term dates for 2023.

Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 10th February

Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March

Returns Monday 17th April

Nursery Closed Bank Holiday

Good Friday 7th April

Easter Monday 10th April

May Bank holiday 1st May

If your Child attends on a Bank Holiday, you can request to change this day to another day of the same week, so your Child does not miss any sessions.

Happy Days Day Nursery has an open door policy, if you have any questions please speak to management, we are always happy to help.

Thank you for your support.