

Newsletter

April 2019

Hi

We can't believe we are at the start of the Summer Term already. we have lot's of great activities planned for the children to enjoy and hopefully lots of time spent outside with warmer weather on its way! (hopefully!)

New Menus

We are changing over to a rolling 11 day Summer Menu which is available to view on our website and app, or to pick up from reception. After 11 days, we then return back to Day 1 ensuring that children who only attend 1 or 2 days a week don't get the same meal every time as in the second cycle Day 1 will be on a Tuesday, Cycle 3, on a Wednesday etc. We are proud to have all our meals home-cooked here at the setting and hope the children will enjoy all their lovely new meals.

Waterproof Clothing

Please remember the importance of providing waterproof clothing for the children at all times as we go outside whatever the weather!. Please also ensure the children have a named pair of wellies here as the Forest school and mud kitchen area can become very muddy even in the Summer months!

Packed Lunches

Please be aware and thoughtful of what goes in packed lunches, avoiding nuts and eggs where possible as we do have children attending the setting with severe allergies to these!

Free Childcare Entitlement

Does your child turn 3 before 31st August 2019 - if so, you are automatically entitled to free government hours from September (which equates to approximately 11 hours per week all year round).

Dependant on your personal working circumstances you may be entitled to more but you need to apply for this yourself before 31st August.

Already claiming additional hours?

If so, please remember to re-confirm your eligibility with HMRC every 3 months. We will no longer be able to continue offering you the extended free hours if you have not reconfirmed your eligibility.

For more information on the government free hours please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Be Aware of Internet safety and say NoNo to MoMo!

Although the internet can be a wonderful resource at times, especially if it's entertaining the children giving you some precious time to get on with other things, please be aware of the disturbing news about videos on YouTube Kids being intercepted with the likes of the MoMo challenge! It can be difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through and even the likes of Peppa Pig have been targeted. There are a few websites available that give advice on internet safety if you would like further information

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

Named Clothing

Please, please please can we ask that all the children's clothes are named to enable us to return lost property items to their rightful owners!

Photographer

Will be here on **Thursday 25th April - 9am till 2pm**

If your child doesn't usually attend on that day but would like them to have their photo taken, please see a member of staff and we will book a time for you to bring them in. If you would like any siblings to have their photograph done - please let us know.

Stay & Play Sessions

Friday 17th May & Monday 17th June - sessions run from **9am - 10am**. If you're child normally attends on these days, please come along and join in with their play. Reminder - this is for Parents/Carers only (siblings under 12 months only)

Staff

A big welcome back to Jo who returns from maternity leave at the beginning of May. She will be working 3 days a week and will be taking on the role of deputy in the toddler room.

Jo returns back just as Dana from Pre-school heads off on her maternity leave! Good-luck Dana, can't wait to meet your new little one and have some cuddles.

Donation Tree

A huge thank-you for your generous response to our donation tree. The children have been getting very excited everytime we take something in to the room that has been donated. Keep looking as new items are constantly being added. It doesn't need to be something you buy but something that you already have at home but never use or buried at the back of a cupboard or simply something that your own child has outgrown.

Closure

CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS - Monday 6th & Monday 27th May

Summer Leavers Party

Please note that the **WHOLE** setting will close at 12pm on Wednesday 24th July for our annual Leavers Party. This is so that all staff have the opportunity to say goodbye to all our big children heading off to start school in September.

Kind Regards

Michelle, Sarah, Sharon, Di and the Team