



Newsletter September 2018

Welcome

Welcome Back! We have loved sharing your child's memories of summer through their chatter bags. If you haven't bought yours in yet it's not too late. We would also like to welcome a new Little Sunbeam; Roseanna – we hope she will thoroughly enjoy her preschool experience with us.

Building works

As you may have noticed building work has seriously begun in the field next door. This is the long awaited extension to the church building. The long term plan is that once the new building is complete the current church site including our preschool room will be completely renovated. Our Preschool rooms will then move to the ground floor in a purpose built suite with free flow access to the garden. It is hoped this work will take place summer 2019, we have therefore saved Inset days from this year and these will be taken at the end of July. Hence our earlier finish of Tuesday 16th July. We may take an additional 5 inset days at the start of the new term therefore delaying our return in September 2019 (approx. 9th September 2019). As this is such a huge project there are bound to be delays or issues however we are working hard to come up with a number of contingency plans to ensure the preschool remains open throughout the works either on site or close by. We will keep you fully updated.

Childs Name Rack

All children now have a named pocket in the rack on the door in Room 5, please remember to check this each day. If your child has a library book this will be shown on the whiteboard under the rack, please remember to check and take it from the out box.

Hallett Photography

Hallett will be visiting us on Thursday 18th October at 1pm. If your child does not attend at this time but you still wish to have their photo taken please inform a member of staff. Hallett are usually in setting for approx. 1 hour, please let us know when you are likely to arrive. Hallett are also able to include siblings in photos, again please let us know in advance and we will notify the photographer.

Tapestry Champion

Each term we will award a prize to the parent who has engaged most with their child's Tapestry learning journal and posted the most observations. We look forward to seeing examples of your child's learning and experiences at home. The next award will announced around Xmas time.

Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 6th November at 8pm. This is usually held at the home of our chairperson. All parents are welcome to attend. Please ask for details.

Waiting List

Due to increasing demand for days/hours we are operating a waiting list for some days/sessions. While we will do our utmost to meet everyone's wishes we do ask that requests for changes to hours are made the half term before a change is required. This gives us the opportunity to ensure staffing ratios are suitable and make changes to our registers/invoicing/funding. Thank you

Policies

The following policies have been updated and are available to read on our website/hardcopy in setting;

Rest and Sleep policy, Inclusion, Protection of Information, Toileting, Intruder, Safeguarding, Administering medicine, Food and drink, Complaints, Admissions, Emergency Procedures, Health and Safety.

Please name everything!

Another plea to ask that you name your child's possessions; in particular their water bottles, lunch packs and bags. This makes our life a lot easier. Thank you

Dates for your diary

Hallett Photography – Thursday 18th October 1pm

Autumn Half Term holiday – Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Committee meeting - Tuesday 6th November 8pm

Christmas Break – Monday 24th December to Friday 4th January 2019

February Half Term – Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2019

Easter Holiday – Monday 6th April to Monday 22nd April 2019

May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2019

May Half Term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Last Day of the Academic Year – Tuesday 16th July 2019