



Newsletter May 2022

Hello!

We would like to welcome two new Little Sunbeams; Elijah and Cooper, we hope they thoroughly enjoy their preschool experience with us.

Change to end of term date

Please note our last preschool session of this term is now Tuesday 19th July. This is due to Hampshire changing the end of Term date to add an extra inset day in lieu of the extra Jubilee bank holiday. Our leavers party will still take place on Thursday 21st July between 10am and 12 noon (more information to follow).

Jubilee 'Street Party'

We will be having 2 'street party' celebrations during session time on Wednesday 25th May and Thursday 26th May to celebrate the queens platinum jubilee. On these days your child may wish to wear something Red, White or Blue (or all three).

Committee Chairperson needed

Our current Committee chairperson will be stepping down at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) and we are looking for their replacement. The Chair attends twice termly meetings and liaises with our administrator/treasurer and Preschool Manager to ensure smooth running of the preschool. This is a voluntary role, If you think this is something you may be interested in or know someone who would like to be involved please speak to Lyn. We cannot run without a chairperson so the role must be filled.

Children's Committee

We also have a 'children's committee' made up of our oldest cohort. They also meet twice a term. Agenda items discussed this term have included; Snack, the leavers party, favourite activities, activities we would like to see and the Queen and the jubilee. As a result we have already added Strawberries, Raspberries and Pineapple to the snack selection. Ideas for the leavers party are being carried forward to the next staff meeting.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

Despite the weather continuing to be rather unpredictable can you please ensure your child has a Sun Hat to wear in the garden (Please write their name on it). Last week we included a Tapestry post on the sun cream we are providing 'Nivea Kids Sensitive 50+' If you would prefer your child to use a different cream please provide an alternative one for us to keep in setting, labelled with your child's name. Please note sun cream cannot be kept on children's bags for health and safety reasons.

Reminder for parents claiming '30 hours childcare' in the autumn term 2022

All parents who are working, have a 3 or 4 year old and want to claim funded extended hours (30 hours childcare), **must** make sure they have applied to [HMRC](#) no later than 31 August 2022. All parents with a 30 hours code need to make sure their details are up to date. They must do this every three months: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>. All new codes must be verified by preschool by 31st August, if you think you are eligible and wish to take up this funding please speak to a member of staff asap.

Hallet Photography

Hallet are visiting us on Tuesday 28th June 9am to 10am to take individual and leaver's photos for the children. If your child does not normally attend a Tuesday but you wish to have their photo taken please speak to a member of staff.

Waypoint Hub

The Waypoint Hub opened in March 2020 in response to the Coronavirus pandemic to provide food parcels and support to those who need it. It is situated in the same building as preschool. It is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am to 12 noon.

Services offered include:

Food Parcels – For anyone who is struggling and needs help with food, either as a one off or to help you get through a difficult period

More 4 Less – For a £5 donation you can get at least £15 worth of items (Fresh, Frozen, Tinned, Packets, Household and Toiletries)

Citizens Advice Outreach – Drop in to get advice Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30

Homework Club – Tuesdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm (term time only)

For more information follow Waypoint Help Hub on Facebook

DON'T STRUGGLE ALONE – HELP IS AVAILABLE

Water Bottles

Just a reminder that all children should bring in water only. Other drinks should only be included as part of their packed lunch

Lunch Boxes.

Just a reminder that lunch boxes should not include sweets or chocolate bars. Please also remember to cut any round foods that could be a choking hazard (grapes, sausages etc) into quarters. Further information and ideas for Healthy packed lunch options can be found here [Healthy-packed-lunches-for-early-years-FACT-SHEET.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/Healthy-packed-lunches-for-early-years-FACT-SHEET.pdf)

Tapestry Observations

We still love to see your observations from home. If you wish to add one but are not sure how please view the attached YouTube video

<https://youtu.be/espJ96TJHV8>

Committee Meeting

Our next Committee meeting takes place on Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the preschool room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Smile Amazon

If you are a regular Amazon user please remember to use <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173913-0> for your online shopping. Amazon then donates to Little Sunbeams Preschool (Fareham) at no cost to you.

Dates for your diary

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 7th June 2022 7.30pm

Summer Half Term Holiday – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Hallet Photography – Tuesday 28th June 9am to 10am

Last day of term Tuesday 19th July 2022

Leavers Party Thursday 21st July 2022

First Day of new term – Monday 5th September 2022