



Newsletter January 2023

Happy New Year everyone. We hope you all had a lovely break and have settled back into the new term. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to the Christmas Event at the end of last term. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We would like to welcome one new Little Sunbeam; Ruby, we hope she thoroughly enjoys her preschool experience with us.

We also say hello to a new permanent member of staff Robyn who starts with us soon. Charli is leaving as a permanent staff member but will continue as a member of our bank staff so you should still see her about.

Bags

Unless your child is currently in nappies or is still having the odd toilet accident can we ask that your child does NOT bring in a bag as we have limited space to store bags throughout the day. We do have a supply of spare clothes for emergencies.

Naming everything

Can you please ensure your child's possessions are named (Water bottle, lunchbox etc, coat etc.) We have had some duplicate items that have been very confusing.

Uniform

Children are not required to wear a uniform, however there is an option to purchase T-shirts and sweatshirts. New prices are as follows:

T-shirt £8.50 (available in size: 2yrs, 3-4yrs, 5-6yrs)

Sweatshirt £12.50 (available in size: 3-4yrs, 5-6yrs)

To order uniform please e-mail info@littlesunbeamspreschool.org.uk or speak to a member of staff. We do hold a limited stock in setting

Information from Services for Young Children Hampshire

Please find and read attached Parent /Carer update for January 2023 and Household Support Funding Information from Services for Young Children

NO Mobile Phones Please

Can you please ensure you **DO NOT** use your mobile phone near our garden gate or when collecting your child. Thank you.

Starting School September 2023

Just a reminder That If your child was born between 1 Sept 2018 and 31 Aug 2019 they are due to start year R in September 2023. **Applications opened on 1st November 2022** and

are made through <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning>. **Applications close 15th January 2023**

Committee Meeting

Our next Committee meeting takes place in setting on Tuesday 17th January 8pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Reminder for parents claiming '30 hours childcare' in the Summer term 2023

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 March 2023. 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 March 2023, if you think you are eligible and wish to take up this funding please speak to a member of staff asap.

Tax Free Childcare

If you pay childcare fees you may be able to get help with paying for this through the Tax Free Childcare scheme. Visit www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare to get more information and check your eligibility.

Family Photo album

We have a photo album in setting holding photos of the children with their families. This is a real talking point for the children and can also be a comfort when they need to see photos of their loved ones. Could you please create an observation on your child's Tapestry Journal and attach a recent photo. (Please include in the observation the names of all the family members shown.) We will then print this out. Thank you

Policies

Our policies are regularly reviewed and updated. Please go to our website to read the current policies.

Waypoint Hub

The Waypoint Hub provides 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

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. Please put your child's name on the bottle

Tapestry Observations

We 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>

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

Year R Applications Close – 15th January 2023

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 17th January 2023 – 8pm to 9pm

Spring Half Term Holiday – Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023 (Preschool Closed)

Easter Holiday – Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April 2023 (Preschool Closed)

Early May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023 (Preschool Closed)

Coronation Day Holiday Monday 8th May 2023 (Preschool Closed)

Summer Half Term Holiday – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023 (Preschool Closed)

Last Session of the Year – Thursday 20th July 2023

Leavers Party – Friday 21st July 2023 – 10am to 12noon