



Newsletter March 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ.

We hope you can take a few moments to read this Newsletter. It contains some very important updates.

Welcome

We would like to welcome some new Little Sunbeams; Alex, Arlo, Charlie F, Elijah, Flynn and Kacey we hope they thoroughly enjoy their preschool experience with us. We would also like to welcome back all our Little Sunbeams who have come back following the reopening of schools. We have loved seeing you all back.

Our Phone is always on (Monday to Friday 9 – 3)

During this very odd time we know it is sometimes difficult to connect. If you wish to speak to your child's keyperson or another member of staff and you don't wish to speak at the gate please give us a call during preschool opening hours on 07522 541266.

Keeping safe

COVID-19 symptoms in children can include; a rash, diarrhoea and as new variants appear different symptoms are presenting. If you feel your child is unwell or had a bad night and you can keep your child at home please do so. Please also respect our decision if we ring you and ask you to take your child home as we are not medical professionals and are unable to distinguish between the remnants of a cold and COVID-19 symptoms. Please inform us immediately if your child develops symptoms. Our preschool phone is switched on Monday to Friday 9 till 3.

Hallet Photography

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

Staff changes

We are pleased to confirm that Charli will be returning to work after the Easter break. And that Penny will be staying with us on a permanent contract once her Maternity cover for Charli ends at the end of March.

Lateral Flow Tests

To keep our preschool safe and to protect our families, all staff will be undertaking Lateral Flow Covid tests twice a week from 22nd March. This is a test conducted at home when you

have no COVID -19 symptoms and offers a result within 30 minutes. As the parents of children attending a preschool setting you are also eligible to take these tests should you wish to do so. Tests can be collected in person from Cams Alders Car Park, Fareham PO14 1BJ between 1pm and 7pm Monday to Friday. For more information see.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Can you help...buy a Grass Square?

You may have noticed that we have made some improvements to our garden and want to really enjoy the great outdoors this year. We have purchased 12 grass squares from Amazon for our 'reading area'. But we would love a few more if you are able to help us purchase one of these or to buddy up with another parent to buy one the link is

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Aslon-Rubber-Artificial-Playground-400x400x25mm/dp/B07ZRVS3X5/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=aslon+rubber+tiles&qid=1615995216&sr=8-3 The tiles are currently priced at £7.95 each.

Smile Amazon

If you are a regular Amazon user please remember to use www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select Little Sunbeams, in this way we receive a monetary donation from Amazon every time you purchase at no cost to you.

Homework – Curiosity box

We regularly put photos of our current curiosity box on Tapestry. This box shows items that share an initial first sound. i.e. P Pig, Panda, Plate etc. We then ask you to help your child find something in their home environment or on a walk that shares the same sound and take a selfie. Please look out for these Tapestry posts and send us back your pictures.

Waypoint Hub

Waypoint Hub (In the same building as the preschool) opened in March 2020 in response to the Coronavirus pandemic by providing food parcels and support to those in need.

They offer;

Food Parcels: If you are struggling and need food – either as a one off or to help you get through a difficult period such as less hours or job loss, waiting for universal credit, during the school holidays

Waypoint Pantry: helping you get more for less. For a £5 donation you will get at least £15 of items. Choose from fresh, frozen, tinned, packets, household & toiletries.

Both are open Tuesdays 9am-12noon and Fridays 9am-12noon (The front door near the preschool bell)

Committee Meeting

Our next Committee Meeting is on Tuesday 27th April at 8pm, this will be via zoom. Please let us know if you wish to attend.

Dates for your diary

Easter holiday – Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 27th April 2021

May half term – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Hallett Photography – Friday 9th July 2021 9am to 10pm

Last day of Summer Term Wednesday 21st July 2021

INSET DAY – NO PRESCHOOL Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July 2021

INSET DAYS – NO PRESCHOOL - Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

First Day of new academic term Monday 6th September 2021