



# Newsletter June 2023

## Goodbye!

It's nearly time to say goodbye to some of our 'Big' Little Sunbeams as they leave to start school; Arlo G, Arlo TH, Cody, Dotty, Edward, Elijah, Erin, Freddie, Phoebe, Pixie, Polly, Sophie, Tommy, Zachary and Zoe. We wish you all the best as you start the next leg of your learning journey. We will miss you all.

## Farm Visit and Leavers Ceremony

Our Preschool Leavers ceremony for those children leaving us in July to start Year R Sept 2023 will take place at preschool on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9.15am. This will be followed at 10am by a visit from a farm to our garden.

## Farm Visit for our younger children

The farm is available for our younger children to enjoy from 11am to 12 noon

Invites and information regarding both of these events have been given to you, if you need any further information please speak to a member of staff.

## Shoes

We ask that your child wears appropriate footwear for indoor and outdoor play. These should be closed in toed shoes (no open toed sandals or shoes with laces please, crocs are fine in sport mode!). Children can injure their toes in open toed sandals when playing on ride on toys in the garden and laces do not promote independence at this age.

## Hallet Photography

Hallet are visiting us on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 9am to 10am to take individual and leavers 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.

## Sun Cream and Sun Hats

Can you please ensure your child has had sun cream applied before arrival and brings a sun hat. We have sun cream in preschool that we can apply as a top up cream later in the morning and will ensure children have regular time inside and in the shade. If you do not wish your child to use our cream please ensure their own is placed in their bookbag and clearly named.

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

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 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 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](http://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) to get more information and check your eligibility.

## **Family Photo album**

We have a photo album in preschool 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 the 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**

## **Dates for your diary**

Hallet Photography – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 9am – 10am

Last Session of the Year – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Leavers Ceremony and farm visit – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 – 9.15am – 11am

Farm visit – (Younger children) – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 – 11am – 12 noon

Autumn Term Starts – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023