



Newsletter December 2021

Please take few moments to read this Newsletter. It **contains some very important updates.**

Hello and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

We also would like to wish all our children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Water Bottles

Just a reminder we are asking that all children now 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.

Some Advice re Dental Care

We have a duty of care to promote good dental care. Please find below some advice from a local dentist.

- Your child should be discouraged from drinking from a baby bottle, a free flow cup is preferred
- You should carry out tooth brushing for your child until they are at least 8 years old
- As soon as teeth erupt in the mouth, brush them twice daily with fluoridated toothpaste.
- Brush last thing at night and on one other occasion
- Use childrens toothpaste containing no less than 1000 ppm fluoride
- Its good practice to only use a smear of paste
- The frequency and amount of sugary food and drink should be reduced
- Sugar free medicines are recommended

Fees and Funding Procedure

This new policy has been added to our website. Please take the time to read this.

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>

We are currently on the lookout for.....

As we develop our preschool we may put out lists of items we are looking for. We are currently looking for; Table Salt and Flour (We currently make our own play dough every day so go through quite a lot of this), Please speak to a member of staff if you think you can help.

Committee Meeting

Our next Committee meeting takes place next Tuesday 18th January at 8pm in the preschool room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Year R Application process is open

(for children born between 1 sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018) – 1st November 2021

Parents now have until 15th January to apply for their child's Year R place. Please use the following link to take you to the application page.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR>

Tesco Instore Voting – Community Grants

As mentioned in last month's newsletter we have been put forward for a Customer vote to receive a Community Grant from Tesco's. The preschool could receive up to £1500. Voting started on 1st October and runs until 31st December. Look out for the blue tokens in Tesco Whiteley and Tesco Express (Warsash Rd). **PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR US!!**

Smile Amazon

If you are a regular Amazon user please remember to use

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173913-0> for your online Christmas shopping. Amazon then donates to Little Sunbeams Preschool (Fareham) at no cost to you.

Dates for your diary

Last day of Term – Thursday 16th December

Spring Term starts – Tuesday 4th January 2022

Deadline for receipt of Year R Applications 15th January 2022

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 18th January 2022

Spring Term Holiday – Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February

Easter Holiday – Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April

Notification Date for Year R places – 19th April 2022

Summer Term Starts – Monday 25th April

May Day Bank holiday – Monday 2nd May

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

Last day of term Wednesday 20th July 2022

Leavers Party (TBC) Thursday 21st July 2022