



Newsletter February 2023

Hello

We would like to welcome five new Little Sunbeams; Samuel, Polly, Ross, Dylan and Arlo W. We hope they thoroughly enjoy their preschool experience with us.

Committee Meeting

Our next Committee meeting takes place in setting on Tuesday 21st March at 8pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Full Capacity

Please be aware we are almost at full capacity and only have a limited number of free sessions throughout the week. As such we are currently unable to offer the flexibility of swapping your child's days or offering one off extra sessions.

Cutlery

If your child needs cutlery to eat their lunch i.e. a spoon for their yogurt can you please ensure these are included in their lunch bag.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle each day.

Hallet Photography

Hallet are visiting us on Tuesday 27th 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.

Bags

Unless your child is currently in nappies, is still having the odd toilet accident or has medication that comes in each day 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.

Tapestry

Our staff put regular observations of your child on Tapestry including fantastic photos and videos. Please check in regularly. We also 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>

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

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.

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

Dates for your diary

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 21st March 2023 – 8pm to 9pm

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)

Hallet Photography – Tuesday 27th June 9am – 10am

Last Session of the Year – Thursday 20th July 2023

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

Autumn Term Starts – Monday 4th September 2023