



# Newsletter March 2019

## Welcome

We would like to welcome two ladies to our Little Sunbeams Team; Alison Scanlon and Becca Bowen. Alison and Becca will work a job share as Preschool Support Assistants helping us around snack and lunch time and supporting childrens play.

## World Book Day

World Book day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. If your child attends on this day they can come dressed as their favourite book character or bring in a favourite book to share with their friends. We will run a normal session so will go out into the garden; we therefore suggest that any dress-up clothes are suitable for outside play or your child wears clothes suitable for the elements underneath their dress-up so they can be easily removed before going outside.

## Red Nose Day

We will again be supporting Red Nose Day (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March) with lots of themed activities throughout the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The theme for Early Years this year is around Mr Tumble and having a party. We will have a collection pot out throughout the week should you wish to donate any pennies which we will pass on to the charity. If your child attends on Red Nose Day itself; Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March they may wish to wear a red nose or dress in red.

## Monthly Tapestry Challenge

To further engage you in Tapestry we will be issuing a monthly Tapestry challenge this will be in the format of 'I love..... or I can.....' Each month via tapestry we will send out a request for your input. For March to coincide with World Book Day we will ask 'My favourite book is....' Can you please then respond with a note, a photo or even a video of your child looking at their latest favourite story. Thank you.

## Focus Child Observations

As you are hopefully aware your child's key person writes a 'focus child' observation on your child approximately every 8-10 weeks. To again help us make this review really meaningful we will be asking for your input. Please look out on Tapestry for the following request

*'Next week your child will be the focus of my observations. I will follow their play and write a more detailed record of their progress over the week. To ensure this focus week includes their all-round progress I need input from you regarding their current home learning achievements. Can you therefore please provide some examples of recent achievements? These could be related to any area of your child's learning i.e. speech, potty training, counting, creativity etc. You could also post photos and videos. Please could I have your input by.....'*

If you are having any problems accessing Tapestry could you please speak to a member of staff asap. Thank you

### **Wish List**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our 'wish list'. A current list of consumables that we need to help keep our costs down can be found on a laminate on the window on the stairs. Thank you again for your generosity.

### **Immunisations**

Is your child up to date with all their immunisations; i.e. flu, preschool booster etc?  
Please see information in Room 5 if you are unsure

### **Committee Meeting**

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 19th March at 8pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Please ask for details.

### **Policies recently updated**

Health and Safety Appendix Exclusion guide to illness and infections – Please refer to our website or the copy in session

### **Dates for your diary**

World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 (Please note preschool starts again on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April following the Easter break)

Hallet Photography – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30 to 10.30am

May Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

May Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Last Day of the Academic Year – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019