



# Newsletter July 2018

## Welcome

We are almost at the end of another preschool year and getting ready to say goodbye to more Little Sunbeams; Ava, Ben, Edward, Freddie, Imogen, Isla, Kurt, Leo, Lillie-Mae, Logan, Michal, Rocco, Rosie and Scarlett; we wish them every success as they begin big school. We look forward to saying a proper goodbye to them at our leaver's ceremony and party on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.30am.

It is with great sadness we also say goodbye to Rebecca who is moving out of the area. Rebecca has been part of our Sunbeams family for many years; first as a mummy and then as a valued member of staff. We wish her and her family all the best for the future.

We also wish to welcome some new Little Sunbeams; Deano (who has just started with us) and; Caleb, George, Lottie, Maddie, Olivia, Polley, Reed and William (who start with us in September); we hope they thoroughly enjoy their preschool experience with us.

## Summer at the Park

Meet up every Tuesday throughout the summer holidays from 10am at St Johns Park, Church Road; see letter for further details.

## Summer homework

Each child coming to back to us in September; and those who about to start, will be given a Chatter bag. The idea is to decorate this with your child and fill it with some summer memories, for example; a postcard, a bus ticket, a shell from the beach, a leaflet from somewhere visited etc etc. Please bring back your filled bag in September so we can share these memories with your child giving them an opportunity to chatter!

## Tapestry Champion

Each term we will award a prize to the parent who has engaged most with their child's Tapestry learning journal and posted the most observations. This terms overall winner was Casey Barnes.

## Building works

As you may have noticed building work has begun in the field next door. This is the long awaited extension to the church building. The works do not affect us in the short term. We will keep you updated throughout the coming year.

## Friday Afternoons

We are pleased to confirm we will now be open till 3pm on Fridays from September.

## Waiting List

Due to increasing demand for days/hours we are operating a waiting list for some days/sessions. While we will do our utmost to meet everyone's wishes we do ask that requests for changes to hours are made the half term before a change is required. This gives us the opportunity to ensure staffing ratios are suitable and make changes to our registers/invoicing/funding. Thank you

## Price increase

Please note that as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 our non-funded rate will be £5.00 per hour. Prices will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 for the new academic year and only affect non-funded hours.

## Committee and AGM News

We held our Annual General Meeting on 19th June 2018

Our committee members were voted in as

Chair – Phil Clark

Treasurer – Jill Everdell

Secretary – Amanda Hart (Manager)

Parent Rep – Jeanette McGarry

The role of parent rep is to allow all voices to be heard and act as a liaison between Parents, staff and committee. If you have any comments, concerns or suggestions for improvement please speak to Jeanette direct, email the preschool [info@littlesunbeamspreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@littlesunbeamspreschool.org.uk) or leave a message with a staff member for Jeanette to call you back.

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. All parents are welcome to attend.

## Policies

The following policies have been updated and are available to read on our website/hardcopy in setting;

Confidentiality, Protection of Information, Safeguarding children and child protection, social networking, Transporting electronically recorded information

## Dates for your diary

Last Preschool Session of academic year – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

School Leavers Party Day – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9.30 to 12noon

First Day of new academic year – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Committee meeting – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Autumn Half Term holiday – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October