



# Newsletter September 2021

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

## Welcome

We hope everyone had a lovely summer. We would like to welcome three new Little Sunbeams; Fay, Micaela and Tommy, we hope they thoroughly enjoy their preschool experience with us.

## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) changes

Ofsted record keeping expectations are changing and we wanted to let you know the exciting news. Instead of Ofsted inspectors looking for lots of paperwork about your child as evidence of what they have been doing with us, they will trust our professional judgement.

Ofsted are saying what we have always known – time playing with your child is much more valuable than time spent taking photos and writing things down.

We are absolutely delighted with this change in Ofsted inspection policy!

We have a good understanding of child development and know when your child is meeting their age related milestones. We get to know your child really well and can quickly spot if they are falling behind in an area of learning and need some extra support. We can do this without lots of unnecessary record keeping. Now we can re-focus on playing with your child, talking to them, reading books, singing songs, doing activities and having fun.

We have a really good curriculum in place and know your child engages with it, they will be more than ready for starting school. This change in expectations from Ofsted will allow us to focus on the curriculum and use it to help your child make the best possible progress.

In the future we will be there, on the spot with your child, playing together. We will be celebrating their learning with them – and will of course, continue to let you know about significant milestones as they happen.

We know that you know your child best, so please continue to keep us updated if your child has any new interests at home – let us know about their favourite games and books etc. Please also let us know if you have any learning or development concerns that can be followed up in preschool.

Please ask if you have any questions

## **Hallet Photography**

Hallett Photography visit us on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm. If your child does not attend on a Friday but you wish to have their photo taken please speak to a member of staff.

## **Chatterbags**

Don't forget to bring in your chatterbags Summer homework.

## **Family Photo album (If you haven't already!)**

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

## **Smile Amazon**

If you are a regular Amazon user please remember to use <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173913-0> and Amazon donates to Little Sunbeams Preschool (Fareham) at no cost to you.

## **Committee Meeting**

Our next Committee Meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 8pm, this will be via zoom. Please let us know if you wish to attend.

## **Dates for your diary**

Committee meeting – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 8pm via zoom

Hallett Photography – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 1.30pm

Half Term holiday – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Year R Application process opens (for children born between 1 sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018) – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Last day of Term – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party (TBC) Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Spring Term starts – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Deadline for receipt of Year R Applications 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Spring Term Holiday – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Holiday – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Notification Date for Year R places – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Summer Term Starts – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

May Day Bank holiday – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Summer Half Term Holiday – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Last day of term Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Leavers Party (TBC) Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022