



Newsletter February 2024

Hello!

Since our last newsletter we have said hello to six new Little Sunbeams; Jakub, Barney, Gracie, Margo, Marnie and Marlowe, we hope they thoroughly enjoy their learning journey with us.

Exclusion period for Illnesses and Infections

Just a reminder that a full list of exclusion periods from preschool for childhood illnesses and infections can be found at the end of our Health and Safety policy, this along with all our other policies and procedures can be found on our website littlesunbeampreschool.org.uk.

Also a reminder that when considering whether or not to send your child to preschool, **if a child is unwell enough to need Calpol (or a similar type of pain relief) before attending preschool, then they are NOT well enough to attend.**

Preschool Photographer

Hallet photography are visiting us on Monday 24th June 9am to 10am to take individual and leavers photos for the children. If your child does not normally attend a Monday but you wish to have their photo taken please speak to a member of staff.

World Book Day

To celebrate world book day (Thursday 7th March) we holding three dressing up days from Wednesday 6th March to Friday 8th March. Your child is welcome to come in dressed as their favourite book character if they wish on all or any of the days, and to bring in a copy of their favourite book. However please do not go to a lot of expense as homemade costumes are just as amazing as shop bought ones. If your child does not wish to dress up then please just bring in a book to share.

Mothers Day Gift

A reminder that a letter has gone out explaining our 'mothers day shop'. To help with our costs we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per child. Please remember to return your letter or send a donation to our bank account if you are able.

Reminder for parents claiming '30 hours childcare' in the Summer 2024 term

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](https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account) 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 2024, if you think you are eligible and wish to take up this funding please speak to a member of staff.

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.

We need your help! 5-star Google Reviews

As we continuously strive to provide the best education and care for your children, we kindly ask for your support in sharing your experiences of our nursery on Google reviews.

Your feedback is invaluable and can guide other parents in making the important decision of choosing the right place for their children's early development. We would be immensely grateful if you could take a few moments to leave a **5-star Google review** for Little Sunbeams.

To leave your review please either...

Scan the QR code below

or

Find 'Little Sunbeams Preschool Fareham' on Google

and

click Reviews to leave your glowing feedback.

Your comments not only help other local families to choose us but is a lovely way to provide feedback for our team.

Thank you for your support,

The Little Sunbeams Team



Family Photo album

We have a photo album in preschool 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

Name Everything Please

Can you please ensure your child's possessions are named (Water bottle, lunchbox etc, coat etc.) We have up to 26 children in at the same time and with some duplicate items, so matching items to their owners can be very confusing.

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 the 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

Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm in our preschool room, all parents are welcome to attend. This is your opportunity to find out more about the running of the preschool.

Dates for your diary

World Book Day Dress up days - Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th March

Easter Holiday – Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024 (No Preschool)

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 23rd April – 7pm in preschool

May Day – Monday 6th May 2024 (No Preschool)

Summer Half Term Holiday – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May (No Preschool)

Hallet Photography – Monday 24th June 9am

Last Day of Academic Year – Thursday 18th July

Leavers Party Friday 19th July.