



Newsletter November 2022

Hello!

We would like to welcome five new Little Sunbeams; Timothy, Ava, Lyla, Nellie and Zoe, we hope they thoroughly enjoy their preschool experience with us.

We also say hello to two new members of our bank staff team; Katie and Helen.

Christmas Event

Our Christmas 'Event' is due to take place between 10am and 12 noon on Friday 16th December. This event is for the children to attend with their parents/carers and will include lots of fun activities for you to share with your child. We will also have a visit from Father Christmas and his Elf (between 10.30 and 11.30am). Please be aware that this is not a normal preschool session, you will need to stay with your child. Our last full preschool session of the year is on Thursday 15th December.

Inset Day Change

As you are aware we closed at short notice on Tuesday 22nd November. We have treated this day as one of the 5 inset days we are allowed to take each academic year. Please therefore be aware that the Inset day due for Thursday 20th July 2023 has therefore been cancelled. Our leavers party will therefore take place a day later on Friday 21st July 2023.

Hallett Photography

Hallett Photography are visiting on Monday 5th December to take individual (and sibling) photos of the children. If your child does not normally attend a Monday but you wish for them to have their photo taken please speak to a member of staff.

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.

Job Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a new qualified member of staff to join our team. They must hold at least a level 2 relevant childcare qualification. If you know of anyone who would like to be considered for this post or would like further information please speak to Lyn.

Starting School September 2023

Just a reminder That If your child was born between 1 Sept 2018 and 31 Aug 2019 they are due to start year R in September 2023. **Applications opened on 1st November 2022** and are made through <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning>. **Applications close 15th January 2023**

Committee Meeting

Our next Committee meeting takes place on Tuesday 17th January 8pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Policies

Our policies are regularly reviewed and updated. Please go to our website to read the current policies.

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

Reminder for parents claiming '30 hours childcare' in the Spring 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 December 2022. 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 December, if you think you are eligible and wish to take up this funding please speak to a member of staff asap.

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

Water Bottles

Just a reminder that all children should bring in water only. Other drinks should only be included as part of their packed lunch. Please put your child's name on the bottle

Tapestry Observations

We 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>

Smile Amazon

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

Dates for your diary

Hallet Photography in Monday 5th December 9am to 10am

Last Preschool Session before Christmas – Thursday 15th December 2022

Christmas Event for children and their parents/carers – Friday 16th December 10am to 12 noon 2022

Christmas Holiday Friday 16th December to Monday 2nd January (Preschool Closed)

Spring Term starts Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Year R Applications Close – 15th January 2023

Spring Half Term Holiday – Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023 (Preschool Closed)

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)

Last Session of the Year – Thursday 20th July 2023

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