



Newsletter June 2024

Welcome!

Since our last newsletter we have said hello to two new Little Sunbeams; Isla-Rose and Ruby-Jean we hope they thoroughly enjoy their learning journey with us.

Goodbye!

Its also almost that time when we say goodbye to our 2024 cohort as they get ready to continue their learning journeys in year R. We wish goodbye and good luck to : Arlo, Bernie, Carter, Cooper, Emily, Emma, Evie, Henry, Joshua, Keanu, Lucie, Lyla, Margot, Marnie, Ross, Ruben, Ruby, Sparrow-Rose and Timothy.

We also very sadly say goodbye to two of our Bank Staff members; Ian and Erica. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them all the very best for their new adventures.

Leavers Party

A reminder that Our Leavers party for children starting year R in September 2024 will take place on Friday 19th July from 9.30am to 12 noon. A formal invitation was sent out in book bags, Parents are asked to drop off their child at 9.30am and return at 11.30am for a short 'graduation' ceremony. A maximum of 2 adults per child will be invited to attend this ceremony along with any 'non school' age children. We ask that if possible any school age siblings do not attend this event.

Summer Holiday Tapestry Request

We love hearing what you get up to in the school holidays. Please remember to upload a photo or two in the summer holidays so we can talk with your child about this when they return in September. This could be a holiday away, a trip to the park or baking at home. All the children love to show us what they have done with the special people in their lives.

Fee Increase

Please note our non-funded fee rate will increase to £6.20 from September 2024. We hope this doesn't cause any of our families any hardship. However we feel this rate is comparable with other settings in the area and is still good value. We are also one of the few settings that do not charge a registration fee or for any other consumables; snack, wipes, craft, sun cream etc.

Swap and Share Rail

When the weather allows we will be putting out our swap and share rail again. Please just help yourself to any of these clothing items, toys, books etc ; you don't need to donate anything in return, however if you do have something you wish to donate to share with your fellow parents please place it on the rail or hand it to a member of staff.

Wish List

A big thank you to everyone who has donated items on our wish list, we are really very grateful for your generosity.

If you haven't noticed our wish list is a pin board on the gate stating items we currently need. The board changes regularly and if you are able to help with any of these wish requests please take a post-it; we would be very thankful.

Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd July 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.

Reminder for parents claiming '30 hours childcare' in the Autumn 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](#) no later than 31 August 2024. 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 August 2024, if you think you are eligible and wish to take up this funding please speak to a member of staff asap.

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.

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.

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.

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

Dates for your diary

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 2nd July – 7pm – 8pm in setting

Last Day of Academic Year – Thursday 18th July

Leavers Party Friday 19th July.

First Day of Autumn Term – Tuesday 3rd September 2024