



Newsletter May 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ.

We hope you can take a few moments to read this Newsletter. It contains some very important updates.

Welcome

We would like to welcome some new Little Sunbeams; Amber, Aurnyn, Cody, Dotty, Sophie and Teddy B, we hope they thoroughly enjoy their preschool experience with us.

Key Person catch ups

Your key person has already (or will soon) contacted you for a telephone catch up about your child's progress, their current learning, any changes to your household, to discuss their current routine and any other issues. These catch ups will occur each half term; they should only last about 15 minutes but it helps us to keep connected and help develop our partnership to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

We realise that during this very odd time we know it is sometimes difficult to connect. So if you wish to speak to your child's keyperson or another member of staff at any time and you don't wish to speak at the gate please give us a call during preschool opening hours on 07522 541266.

Hallet Photography Change of Date

Please note the Hallet Photography session has now changed to Wednesday 14th July 9am to 10am to take individual and leaver's photos for the children. This is a later date than originally given, however Hallet have reassured us that any orders will be delivered to your home address at no extra cost to you. If your child does not normally attend a Wednesday but you wish to have their photo taken please speak to a member of staff.

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

Lunchbox Safety

Could you please ensure that grapes, tomatoes and little sausages in your child's lunch are cut in half long ways or even better quartered to avoid being a choking hazard. If your child

brings a yogurt please also remember to pack a spoon. Please also ensure your child's lunch does not include sweets or chocolate bars.

Name everything please

Where possible can you ensure your child's possessions; Drinks Bottle, Lunch box, Bag, Coats etc have their name on them. We try our best to remember what belongs to who but a name would really take the guess work out of it and ensure things don't get lost. Thank you.

Masks at the Gate

As from Monday 7th June (after half term) staff will no longer be required to wear a shield when greeting you at the gate. It will also be your choice as to whether you wear a mask or face covering at drop off. However if you wish to have a planned chat with a member of staff that lasts more than a few minutes we would ask that face coverings are worn as a courtesy. Thank you

Lateral Flow Tests

To keep our preschool safe and to protect our families, all staff are undertaking Lateral Flow Covid tests twice a week. This is a test conducted at home when you have no COVID -19 symptoms and offers a result within 30 minutes. As the parents of children attending a preschool setting you are also eligible to take these tests should you wish to do so. Tests can be collected in person from Cams Alders Car Park, Fareham PO14 1BJ between 1pm and 7pm Monday to Friday. For more information see. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Free online Paediatric First Aid Refresher course

Our online training supplier 'Noodle Now' have given us the opportunity to pass on some free online Paediatric First Aid course logins to our parents. If this is something you are interested in please speak to Amanda or ask a member of staff to pass on the message. We just need an email address from you to arrange set up.

Leavers Party

If all restrictions are lifted as scheduled our Preschool Leavers Party for those children leaving us in July to start Year R Sept 2021 will take place at preschool on Thursday 22nd July 10am to 12 noon. More information to follow.

Thank you to Taylor Hill and Bond

A big thank you to Taylor Hill and Bond estate agents for donating money to enable us to buy our new mud kitchen.

Can you help...buy a Grass Square?

You may have noticed that we have made some improvements to our garden and want to really enjoy the great outdoors this year. We have purchased 12 grass squares from

Amazon for our 'reading area' and two of our mummies donated a further 5 but we would love a few more if you are able to help us purchase one of these or to buddy up with another parent to buy one the link is https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Aslon-Rubber-Artificial-Playground-400x400x25mm/dp/B07ZRVS3X5/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=aslon+rubber+tiles&qid=1615995216&sr=8-3 The tiles are currently priced at £7.95 each.

Smile Amazon

If you are a regular Amazon user please remember to use www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select Little Sunbeams, in this way we receive a monetary donation from Amazon every time you purchase at no cost to you.

Committee Meeting

Our next Committee Meeting is on Tuesday 15th June at 8pm, this will be via zoom. Please let us know if you wish to attend.

Dates for your diary

May half term – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Committee Meeting – Tuesday 15th June – 8pm via zoom

Hallett Photography – Wednesday 14th July 2021 9am to 10pm

Last day of Summer Term Wednesday 21st July 2021

INSET DAY – NO PRESCHOOL Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July 2021

Preschool Leavers Party (For our July Leavers only) Thursday 22nd July 10am -12noon (More information to follow)

INSET DAYS – NO PRESCHOOL - Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

First Day of new academic term Monday 6th September 2021