



# Newsletter November 2021

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

## Goodbye

We say goodbye to Nicky who is leaving Little Sunbeams this month to start a new career. We also say goodbye to Leo. Please join us in wishing them Good luck and goodbye. We will miss you both

## Christmas Party

We had intended to have a Christmas party on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and invite all children. However we have now made the decision to cancel this but still have the same fun and activities over the last two sessions on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. In this way all children will get to enjoy fun activities but without the added risk of bringing everyone together at the same time just a week before Christmas. We hope everyone understands our caution.

## Juice Ban

We now ask that children only bring in water where possible. Where children are struggling with the change we suggest that flavoured waters are a stepping stone as is slowly watering down the strength of squash given. We would appreciate that during this transition period any bottles with juice are not transparent as this could be difficult for other children who are still adjusting to water only. Please talk to a member of staff if there are any problems with this

## Thank you.

A big thank you to Teddy's mum for her donation of two balance bikes, Micaela's Mum and Dad for the car tyres and Olivia's mum for providing wood. We really appreciate these donations.

## We are currently on the lookout for.....

As we develop our preschool we may put out lists of items we are looking for. We are currently looking for; Table Salt and Flour, Small glass jars, Tea lights and anything Christmas related (Decorations, Craft items etc.) Please speak to a member of staff if you think you can help.

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM takes place next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the preschool room. All parents should have had an email invite with further information.

## **Soft Plastic Recycling**

We are now collecting soft plastic from the childrens lunch boxes; crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, film lids etc as these are now widely recycled at local supermarkets including; Tescos, The Co-op and Sainsburys. The collection points will allow you to return all your previously unrecycled soft plastic, such as the clear film used to wrap meat and fish, crisp packets, fruit and veg bags and sweet wrappers. We will be talking to your child about recycling alongside this.

## **Year R Application process is open**

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

Parents now have until 15<sup>th</sup> January to apply for their child's Year R place. Please use the following link to take you to the application page.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR>

## **Tesco Instore Voting – Community Grants**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter we have been put forward for a Customer vote to receive a Community Grant from Tesco's. The preschool could receive up to £1500. Voting started on 1<sup>st</sup> October and runs until 31<sup>st</sup> December. Look out for the blue tokens in Tesco Whiteley and Tesco Express (Warsash Rd). **PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR US!!**

## **Welly boots and Slippers**

As the weather is becoming increasingly changeable and the children are in and out of the garden rapidly (if you haven't already) can you please provide them with welly boots and slippers (with their name on) so they can quickly change from outside to inside independently.

## **Our door is open**

Although we continue to ask that you drop off your child at our garden gate we are now able to invite you in to see our learning environment. Please speak to the staff member on the gate if you are interested in coming in to take a look around.

## **Smile Amazon**

If you are a regular Amazon user please remember to use

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1173913-0> for your online Christmas shopping. Amazon then donates to Little Sunbeams Preschool (Fareham) at no cost to you.

## **Dates for your diary**

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

Annual General Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – 8pm at preschool

Last day of Term – Thursday 16<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