



Newsletter August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a big **Congratulations** to all of our **Safari** children who carried out their **Graduation** ceremony on Thursday 22nd July. The staff and children in Safari worked exceptionally hard to put on a ceremony in such a short space of time and we are pleased **it went so well**.

We would like to wish all of the **children leaving** to go to school all **the best of luck** and hope you all come back and visit us in the future! Please don't forget to send us pictures in your uniform!

We are fast approaching the end of our **summer term**, and from September there will be some changes to the **Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum** that we feel are positive and will enhance the positive relationships between staff and their key children, allowing keyworkers to spend more time and enhance the learning opportunities provided. Please **see the letter attached** to the e-mail for more information on these changes and how they will impact the setting. **All parents will receive an end of term report by the end of August for their child before these changes are put in place.**

The **transition procedure** within the nursery has also been reviewed and amended to enable us to build a bigger picture of the child and their **home life** before they start at the nursery and to further enable us to support them more when moving between rooms. We appreciate lots of things change as children grow up and kindly ask parents to ensure they notify us of any key changes that may impact the child, this could include parent separation, a new home etc. This change will include '**All about me now**' sheets being sent home to parents/carers for staff to get any updated information that may help them get to know their new key children moving into the room. Please see attached the updated policy.

With the holiday season upon us **we kindly ask that if your child will be absent from the nursery that you let us know their holiday dates beforehand**. This enables us to allocate the correct number of staff to children and also mark on their Tapestry account when they are absent. We would also be grateful if parents could add any photos and activities to your child's account if you go on any trips or holidays.

Dates for your Diaries for August 2021:

Wednesday 11th August: Teddy Bears Picnic

The children will be allowed to bring in a teddy bear from home for a fun filled day at nursery. They will be taking part in lots of fun activities and will enjoy a Teddy Bears picnic in the afternoon.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD FOR REMINDERS AS WELL AS OUR EVENTS LIST ON OUR WEBSITE



Did you know?

Please find below some information on oral health, how to keep your child's mouth and teeth healthy. There is a great activity book downloadable on this website!

<https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/basics/childrens-oral-health/index.html>

It is so important for early literacy and communication skill for all children to have the opportunity to sit and read a book, please find below some tips on how to encourage your child to sit and enjoy a story with you.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

Gentle Reminders

Parents are only permitted to park in the car parking bays identified as “**Nursery Set Down Parking**”. These car park spaces should be used by parents for dropping off and collecting children from nursery ONLY and a **valid parent parking permit** should be displayed at all times.

Under no circumstance should a parent let anyone into the building or leave the door open for them. Simply **ask them to enter the codes themselves** or to wait outside, while you inform a member of staff. Parents allowing people into the building is a breach of our safeguarding, security, and health and safety policy and therefore, we ask for your full co-operation with this.

Whilst we appreciate this can put parents in an awkward situation, **the safety and well-being of the children is of paramount importance to us** and we cannot stress how important it is that you strictly follow our policy.

We would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and all children, parents, carers and visitors should have vacated the premises by this time. Should you require verbal feedback on your child's day, please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to allow you to leave before 6.00pm. This also applies to children who attend half sessions and are collected after 1pm or those brought in before 1pm.

As you are aware, charges will be levied for delays after 6.00pm and we really do not want to be in a position to have to charge late fees.

A reminder that the nursery has a strict **NO NUT** policy and we ask parents that children do not enter the nursery with any food items to help us ensure we can adhere to this policy at all times. We also kindly ask parents to keep this in mind when giving children breakfast/meals at home before coming to nursery as we do have some children with severe nut allergies. Please can all parents ensure that you **inform the setting if your child will not be attending** due to sickness; whilst it is not compulsory for them to attend, as it is private day care, we do have a duty of care to record their absences and it also really helps us with catering for the children and staff ratios.

Please don't forget to check our Instagram and Facebook pages for updates on activities and new resources

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do NOT hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards
Janine, Kirsty and Team.