



Newsletter April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased we finally had some **warm weather** however this is still mixed with cold conditions. Whilst at the moment temperatures are not that high we would like to ask parents to ensure children have spare clothes including a mixture of long sleeved and short sleeved tops so if needed we can change them according to the weather.

We would also like to remind parents your child will need a **sun hat** when the weather warms up. (**Please label** these as they do easily go missing!)

Could we kindly ask parents to ensure you **e-mail any upcoming holiday dates** to the nursery e-mail, please include the dates they will not be in nursery so that the return date is clear. If you do go on holiday please upload some photos onto Tapestry for us to look at and discuss with the children.

We have parents evening this month on **Wednesday 20th April**. Please speak directly to your child's key worker to book an appointment if you would like one.

We are pleased to say we are gladly welcoming 2 parents to attend the parents evening but ask if possible no children to attend.

We are going to also keep the telephone appointments as an option as we felt these actually worked quite well for parents who live further away and couldn't find childcare.

The appointment times will be for 10 minutes between 18:30 – 20:00.

We are currently working on updating our **Spring/Summer menus** so once these are confirmed we will e-mail them in due course. If parents have any suggestions or feedback on our menus please do let me know.

We are again reviewing our Covid19 policy inline with the new changes and endeavour to send this out next week to parents. We have decided that from next week, we would like to trial **Babies (Children aged 3months - 16months) and Pre-school children (Safari) parents collecting from within the room.**

To help minimise congestion we kindly ask parents NOT to stay in the rooms for long periods of time when collecting. We would also like to ask parents to ensure you use the hand sanitizer provided before entering the rooms.

We will monitor how it works over the next two weeks and if we feel it is ok we will then revert the entire nursery back to this method of collection. Please keep in mind it will take you time to

collect so you may need to arrive 5 minutes earlier than normal to ensure you can leave the premises before we close at 6pm.

Dates for your Diaries for 2022

Parents Stay and Play - Monday 4th April

Parents are invited to come for a Stay and Play Morning, we will set out some exciting spring activities for parents to do with their children and you will have the opportunity to see what the children get up to at nursery. This event list is now closed and confirmed and we look forward to welcoming you all on Monday. Please ensure you stick to your time slot and only come if you have informed Janine by e-mail that you will be doing so. We also kindly ask that NO siblings come to the stay and play.

We do hope to plan another for the Summer, so will inform you all of the next one if you have missed this opportunity.

Easter fun Day – Thursday 14th April

Throughout the day the children will be able to take part in a variety of fun Easter activities.

In the afternoon we will have an Easter Egg hunt for all of the children to take part if they want to.

Why not try some Easter crafts at home and create your own Easter baskets, making Easter bonnets or some Easter baking! – Please be sure to upload any pictures to your child's tapestry.

Earth Day – Friday 22nd April

The children will be invited to take part in various activities to celebrate the planet we live on and the environment such as, learning about recycling and how to look after our environments.

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

Gentle Reminders

Please don't forget to follow our **Facebook** page and **Instagram** for regular updates and news. We would also be very grateful to parents if you could leave us a review.

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.

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 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.

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. **Our cleaner did find some peanuts on our sofa last week so again remind parents even at collection there should be no nuts on site.**

Please can all parents ensure that you **inform the setting if your child will not be attending** due to sickness/holiday, 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 your parents' information boards, Facebook and our website for further information and reminders.

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

Kind Regards
Janine, Kirsty and Team.