



Daisy Chain Day Nursery

Newsletter Summer 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Holiday closures

(for Term-Time places only)

Summer Term ends

Thursday 18th July.

Autumn Term starts

Monday 9th September 2019

Event Dates

Usually involving Dressing up or food!

Let's Get Moving month – July

Mud day – July (date TBC)

Water Day – July (date TBC)

Summer Family Picnic - 19th July

Pre-School Graduation – 20th July

Eid al Adha – 12th August

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW ANY FOOD ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS OR KIWI FRUIT INTO THE NURSERIES.

This is for the safety of any child who may have a known or unknown allergy, as the reaction to these items can be lethal.

Gates – URGENT

Please, please, please, ensure all gates are closed firmly when you enter or leave the nurseries. It is amazing how many times we find these open, and this means the nursery is not left secure for either people coming in, or children getting out!

Can we also ask Parents not to let anyone tailgate them into the nursery. Whilst it might seem OK to you, it means that people are entering the nursery without staff's knowledge and this can compromise the safety.

For the same reason, can we ask parents to make sure their children are not being encouraged to open the gates by themselves. This may appear to be encouraging independence but it does make it very difficult for us to ensure a safe environment for the

CCTV

CCTV is being installed at the nurseries starting Monday 22nd July. This is an important safeguarding tool. Details can be found in our IT policy which will be emailed out to all parents next week.

Staffing

We have had a few staff changes over the past few months.

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of a son for Cheryl.

We have therefore welcomed Rachel to our pre-school and look forward to Wilmar starting as Cook for Baby Daisies later in July.

We do also have other staff due to be going on maternity leave during the year (definitely our year for a baby boom!) so will be looking to replace them as the time arises.

I'm sure you agree that we are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff team. They all give their utmost commitment to providing the best of care and education for your children.

Tapestry

If you haven't already, please set up your Tapestry account and passwords when you receive the email. This is a great way to share information between home and nursery, but we are finding that we have many children without completed accounts.

Please check your account for the Focus groups and make a comment! We like to encourage Parents' to add videos or photos of things your child does outside nursery. This is a lovely way to form a link between home and nursery.

LEAVERS – please ensure that you download all your pictures and observations from your Tapestry account, when your child leaves, as these are due to be deleted on **27th September**, so you will not be able to access your accounts after this date.

Graduation

We are holding the graduation for our school leavers on **Saturday 20th July**.

Please check your letters for further details.

Funday

We were thrilled with the support and attendance at our recent Funday and pleased to inform you that we raised over £600 which is being used to enhance the outdoor play and sensory areas in both nurseries

Summer Picnic

Please remember to come to our **Summer Family Picnic Friday 19th July**.

We're meeting at Tilgate Park at 3.00pm.

If you could please return your slip's as soon as possible so we can make appropriate arrangements for travel.

This is a great chance for you to meet other families, and enjoy a sociable time with the staff, so please come along.

NEWS FROM THE ROOMS:-



Buttercups

We just want to say Good Luck to all the children who are moving down to Poppies over the next few months.

We are looking for things for our treasure baskets, so if you have anything metal lying around, such as old keys, pots, pans, sieves, spoons, etc. Please bring them in. Now it is getting hotter can we ask you to bring in cooler clothes for your child, as it does get very warm in Buttercups.



Poppies

We are saying farewell to Poppies moving up to Daisies, although excited to see their progress in the next stage.

We wish Emily luck as she goes on maternity leave and look forward to hearing news of her new arrival.

Meanwhile, we welcome the new starters and all the babies graduating from upstairs!

Gentle reminders:- Can we ask parents to hang up the children's bags on their pegs at the start of their session.

Please make sure your child has a number of changes of clothes in their bags.



Daisies

Please bring your child in with a Sun hat. We do have some nursery spares, but they often prefer to wear their own.

Please put Labels in clothing. With so many children it is impossible for staff to remember who's clothes are who's!

Please send your child to nursery in clothing appropriate for the weather (although this changes each day!).

As you know we embrace 'learning by experience' so we want them to have sufficient changes to manage this.

Holiday Club. Will run again for children from 4-7 year olds during the August school holidays. Please note:-This is only for children who attend or have previously attended Daisy Chain. Look out for posters on the nursery doors and gates.

Spare Clothes

Whilst we ask all parents to bring in a range of spare clothes, we are happy to put your child in spare nursery clothes, if they have run out of their own. But please can we urge parents to bring these back. We don't want to experience a child who needs a change of clothes but we don't have any! If you have any spare clothes, please feel welcome to bring them in for nursery use. (especially bottoms!)

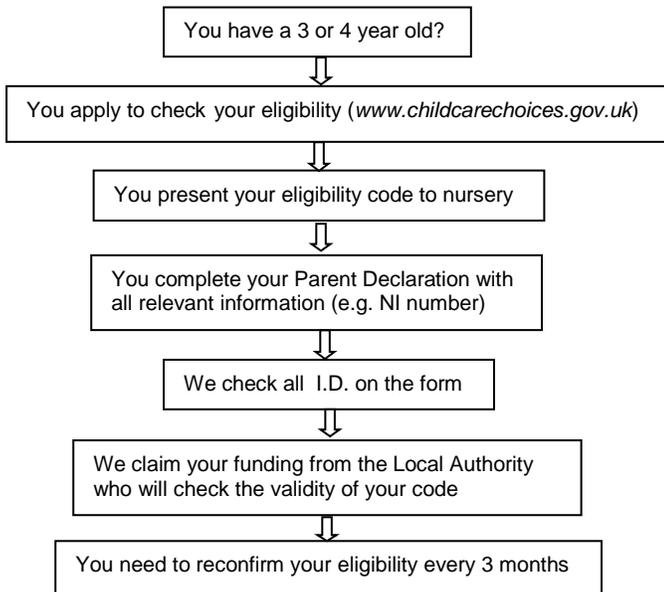
Funded 15 and 30 hours

We are amending the way we offer the 30 hour funding from September 2019. Please look out for communications about this going out over the next few weeks.

Our ultimate aim is to offer this in a way to suit the majority of needs, but also to ensure our sustainability so we hope parents understand the need for this review.

30 hours funding / Tax free childcare – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

It is your responsibility to check your eligibility.
The process is shown below:-



Tax-Free childcare

Also via the Childcare Choices website you can find information about Tax Free Childcare. Here are 10 things you need to know about it:-

1. You can open an online account, which you pay into to cover the cost of childcare.
2. For every 80p you pay in, the government will top up an extra 20p
3. The scheme is available for children under the age of 12
4. To qualify, you have to be in work and earning at least £120 a week
5. Any eligible working family can use the Tax-free childcare scheme
6. The scheme is available for parents who are self-employed
7. If you currently receive Employer-supported childcare then you can continue to do so.
8. Parents and others can pay money into their childcare account as and when you like
9. The process will be as easy as possible for you
10. You'll be able to withdraw money from the account if you want to.

More information is available from www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or www.gov.uk

There is information about this on the Parent notice board at the nursery entrances.

Eligibility Codes – please note that even if you receive an Eligibility Code – this is only applicable the **term after** you apply! or the term after your child turns 3. For example: if you apply in September you will receive a code but will only be able to claim from January.