



Daisy Chain Day Nursery

Newsletter Autumn 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Holiday closures

(for Term-Time places only)

Autumn Term ends

Friday 20th December

Spring Term starts

Monday 6th January 2020

Dates for your Diary

Parents' Evening

Daisies and Baby Daisy Chain

Wednesday 20th November

6.00-8.00pm

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 children.

Buggies. Can I remind parents that they leave their buggies, car seats and children's bikes and scooters in our buggy shelters at their own risk.

We cannot be held responsible for any losses or damages to these.

Staffing

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

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of a son for both Emily and Michelle.

We have said a sad good-bye to Elize and Becky, who have both moved onto new challenges.

We have welcomed Maria as Cook for Baby Daisies, Louise into Buttercups and Kalpna on to our Bank staff.

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

We are happy to welcome back Kayleigh from maternity leave, although this does mean we have to say a sad farewell to Andrea, who was covering Kayleigh's maternity leave.

Andrea has done an amazing job covering this post, and had become a valued member of the team, so we are very sad to see her go, but I am sure you will join me in saying a Huge Thank you to her for all her hard work and dedication, and wish her all the best of luck in her new venture.

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.

Please send us a note with 'What are your hopes and dreams for your family and future' – for our wall displays.

Harvest

We would like to thank our families for their support in our Harvest Festival donations.

We have an amazing collection of goodies that we will deliver to the Crawley Easter team, who will make sure our donations go to a good cause.

'Pre-school' or Nursery?

We often find children leaving us to go to 'pre-school' as parents think this will be more beneficial for them in readiness for school. However, we are a pre-school! Everything we do at Big Daisies is about preparing children for this next stage in their lives, and we can often provide even more because of the facilities available to us and the fact we are here for a longer day. Children will learn to be independent, have good social skills, a fascination to learn, an ability to see themselves as an important part of a group and be prepared for a classroom environment. They leave us very ready for school!

NEWS FROM THE ROOMS:-



Poppies

Poppy room have been busy investigation 'all things Autumn' over the last few weeks, looking at different leaves, pine cones, acorns, and of course pumpkins. They have also been looking at the great British wildlife, in particular hedgehogs, badgers and squirrels. Please continue to support us by bringing in any Autumn treasures you may find out and about on your travels.

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.

Parents – can we remind you to ensure the gate and white door are closed upon entry or exit. This ensures that children cannot access the main road without supervision, and ensures that unwanted visitors cannot gain entry into the nursery without the staff's knowledge.



Buttercups

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

We have welcomed a lot of new children into the room who are all settling well.

The children have been enjoying the new sensory areas, where there are lots of natural materials to explore.

We also enjoy the outside area whenever we can, so please remember to bring in weather-appropriate clothing.



Daisies

Daisies have been enjoying a wide range of fascinating tough spot trays to excite their learning. These trays are invaluable for their learning, and allow children to use their skills in exploration and experimenting to build skills that are essential for their future learning.

Gentle reminders:-

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!).

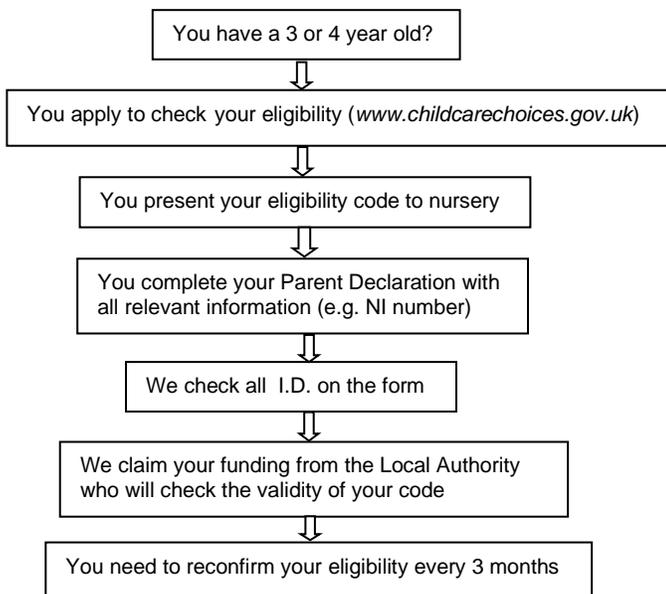
As you know we embrace 'learning by experience' so we want them to have sufficient changes to manage this.

Nursery toys. Whilst we use a lot of natural materials now, we do also offer some traditional toys (e.g. cars and trains). However, we are consistently buying these, as they go 'missing' regularly. If you do find your child has taken anything home (often in pockets) would you kindly return these to the nursery for the children to continue to enjoy. And if you know of anyone who has cars and trains that are not used, please let them know that we are always looking to increase our stock.

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.