



September 2020 Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

October 2020

15th & 16th – Photographer – Cancelled due to COVID:19

December 2020

16th – Nursery closes 6pm for the Christmas Holiday

17th – Possible Children's Christmas Party

January 2021

4th – Nursery re-opens 8am after the Christmas Holiday

Interests and Activities in Nursery

Roos, Piglets, Tiggers and Christopher Robins

September is an extremely busy month for the nursery and this has proved even more so this year as we have many existing children returning to nursery for the first time since March, children moving rooms as well as an extremely high intake of new children. Therefore, this month we will be concentrating on settling the children into nursery and their new rooms and encouraging them to get to know the other children in their room. The children will be encouraged to seek out others to share experiences, seek comfort from familiar adults and to explore a range of activities and experiences.

Parent participation – Please talk to your child about their time in nursery, for the younger children you can go on the nursery website and show them photos of the staff. For all children please go through the observations on Tapestry with your child and encourage them to talk about what they have been up to in nursery and for the older children encourage them to discuss the routine and boundaries within nursery. This will help with settling your child into nursery or a new room and encourage them to talk about their experiences.

E-mails, Wi-Fi and Tapestry

We have been experiencing some issues with our Wi-Fi and E-mails due to the college upgrading their whole IT systems. This has caused us a great many problems with the e-mails that we are sending you as some of them are getting through to you and some of them are not. Due to this issue we are printing a hard copy of this newsletter for each of you as well as sending it via e-mail. If you e-mail us and do not receive a reply please check with us verbally as we may have sent a reply that you did not receive, also please check in your spam files.

The IT issues have also affected our access to Tapestry, this means that some observations are taking longer to upload and on some days observations of your children are unable to be taken.

Hopefully these issues will improve over the next few weeks. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Parent Drop off and Collection Guidance

Please find attached the updated Parent Drop Off and Collection Guidance for your information. We send this out via e-mail the week before your child returns to nursery and due to the IT issues I am getting reports that some of you have not received them. In the Guidance it states that only one parent/person must drop off or collect a child from nursery. More and more of you are starting to come as families. As the nursery is becoming busier I must ask that only one person brings and collects your child each day. I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this area.

COVID:19 Personal Health self-assessment form

We also require everyone who is dropping off and collecting your child at nursery to complete a COVID:19 Personal Health self-assessment checklist, please make sure that we have the completed form for everyone who is dropping off and collecting your child.

Children's Initial Assessments

All the children who were attending nursery from June to August have had an Initial assessment completed by their Key Person, this is a smaller Record of Development and they will be uploaded to Tapestry for you to view shortly. Please contact us if you have any questions and there is also an option for you to make a comment through Tapestry which we always love to receive.

Staffing

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you Caitlin will be leaving the nursery on Friday 4th September to pursue an exciting job opportunity as a Nanny and Diane will be leaving us on Friday 18th September as she is moving away from the area. They will both be sorely missed and we wish them all the best for the future.

We interviewed last week and are in the process of employing three full-time nursery practitioners and two flexi-support staff. I will send out more information with regard to these new members of staff and the rooms they will be based in in due course.