



News

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Dates for your Diary

8th April - Photographer for family portraits

14th April - Nursery Closed

17th April - Nursery Closed

1st May - Nursery Closed

13th May - Fete

26th May - Leavers photos

29th May - Nursery Closed

5th July - Parents evening

Late pick ups

Over the last few months it has become apparent that a number of parents/carers are consistently late collecting their children at the end of the sessions. Whilst we appreciate that on occasions it is unavoidable it seems to be happening more and more frequently.

This means that it may at times be compromising our staffing ratios. These are a legal requirement and if not upheld can have drastic consequences for the nursery.

At the end of the day late pick-ups also impact on our staff being able to leave on time, often meaning they are then late for their own children or appointments.

Based on this we have made the decision that from now on we are charging to the nearest 15 minutes if you are late collecting. The charge will be £5 per 15 minutes.

Nursery opening times are 8am - 1pm for the morning sessions and 1pm - 6pm for an afternoon session.

Wipes, Creams and nappies

Can we please remind parents that we do ask that you provide your own wipes, creams and nappies for your child/ren.

If you are not sure if we need any more please check with the staff in the rooms.

Spaces

As we are sure you have noted we are getting very busy again and are currently taking lots of bookings for the coming months.

If you know that you will be needing a space can we please ask that you book ASAP as we are unable to guarantee spaces for siblings.

30 Hours funding

As many of you are aware the government are introducing a new way of funding for three and four year olds from September 2017.

Currently all three and four year olds receive 570 hours of free child care a year. However, under the new scheme many parents will be able to claim up to an additional 570 hours per year. However, this will be delivered in a separate way to the original 570 hours that each child is entitled to and has specific criteria that parents must meet in order to qualify.

These include:

- Both parents must be working and earn, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage.
 - Each parent must earn less than £100,000 per annum.

At the moment we are still not entirely sure how this new system will work, but we have been lead to believe in order to qualify parents must apply direct to HMRC for a code to be given to us in order to apply funding.

As soon as we have more details we will keep you up to date!

Photographer

We have managed to secure Jason Vaughan photographer to come and do some family portraits on Saturday 8th April. If you wish to book a slot please speak to the girls in the office to arrange a time.

Charity Fete

This year we are holding our charity fete on Saturday 13th May between 10am and 1pm, and will be raising funds for The Campbell Burns Metabolic Trust.

The trust supports families of children aged 10 and under who have been diagnosed with a metabolic disorder.

The trust aims to:

- Provide education and raise awareness of metabolic disorders through distribution of literature and involvement in local support networks.
- Assist in the provision of recreational and leisure time activities for children and their families.
- Assist in the relief of financial hardship for families of children with metabolic disorders through the provision of assistance grants and items of need.
- Be active in fundraising.

We have chosen this trust as we always try to support causes that have an impact on the children who attend the nursery. This year we have a young lady with us whose family are immediately affected by a terminal metabolic disorder.

If you wish to find any additional information please have a look at <http://www.campbellstrust.co.uk>

If you can help out in anyway either with a stall, donation for raffle or even just turning up on the day we would be grateful.

Registered charity number: 1148667

BACS Payments

Can we please request that if you are making payments via bank transfer for your fees that payments are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you!

Messages from the Rooms

Roos

Can we please remind parents to ensure all bottles are brought in ready sterilised and measured out so that we can ensure that we are giving the correct amounts.

Can you also please ensure we have appropriate outdoor clothing for your little one so we can get out and about to explore our local environment more now the weather is warming up.

Kangas

Now the weather is warming up we will be making more use of our enclosed play space, please rest assured children do not access this area without staff and all ratios are strictly maintained.

We will also be going out an about to explore our local environment a lot more so please can you ensure children have appropriate outdoor clothes and footwear.

Tiggers

We are introducing a visual timetable into the room to allow children to be able to visualise what happens now and next during their daily routine. We are hoping this will help with developing an understanding of routines ready for when children begin to move to Biggies.

Biggies

We have introduced toothbrushing to our daily routine to help encourage independence and self-care. Many of you have already provided toothbrushes and toothpaste for us to do this, however if you haven't done so and wish to please speak to the staff in room who will be happy to help.

We are looking at introducing a fruit bowl during our play sessions so that children can independently access fruit during the day. We are looking to do this so that we do not have to disturb children's play for snack, although all children will still be encouraged to have some sort of snack or at least a drink during both morning and afternoon.

We will of course monitor this and assess its effectiveness. We are hoping to introduce this in the coming few weeks.