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Newsletter April 2017

Dear parents/Carers

Fundraising

Our next fundraising event is our sponsored Dance and Wiggle hosted by Stoke Disco Services on Wednesday 10th May. All children are welcome to attend, you can also swap your day on this occasion if you wish your child to join in with us, please inform a member of staff so we can keep within our ratios. All we ask is you find as much sponsorship as you can, as we receive a huge 25% of all sponsor money raised on the day. Please find attached sponsor forms.

Paolo Laraso will be here on Thursday 11th May from 9.15 onwards anyone is welcome to attend, the more photos taken the more fundraising we receive from them.

Policies

All policies and procedures have now been updated and can be found in individual rooms. We have added a few more policies to our list these being Children's Rights and Entitlements and Investigation in the event of a child going missing.

Our behaviour policy has now changed to Achieving Positive Behaviour and our medicine policy now states that children are recommended to remain at home for 48 hours after receiving antibiotics or a new medication to ensure these have time to work and no allergic reactions occur.

Staff Training and Development

All the training we attended last term we are now trying to put all our ideas into practice. Sharna will be attending Understanding Children's Behaviour.

Holidays

The next holiday is May 29th; activity letters will be out closer to the time.

News

I'm very sad to say that Leanne has decided to leave us at Pathways, she is going to use her other skills in business administration in her new job. Leanne is a very valued member of our team who will be missed by all. We wish her all the best in her new adventure. Her last working day will be Friday 28^{th} April.

This brings me on to some changes within the nursery. Kathryn has settled back well into her role at Pathways and will now join Ann in the nursery/baby room. She has been working in here since finishing her maternity leave, getting to know all the children and our routine so will fit in perfectly. Sharna will continue to work alongside Laura in the pre-school room and will now increase to full time; this will provide the children with continuity in their care and learning. You may also see a familiar face return, Beth has once again stepped in to help us out, she worked here last year and then returned as a student in her final year at University. Beth understands how the nursery runs and knows the children.

We received a visit from Ofsted in the holidays for our inspection, all went well and we will let you know how we did when the report comes out.

Recommend a friend before the end of May and receive 20% off one month's nursery fees, applied after the first month.

Important Dates

Monday 24th April - Funding begins

Monday 1st May - CLOSED - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 10th May - Dance and Wiggle

Thursday 11th May - Paolo Laraso - all welcome

Friday 26th June - Funding ends

Monday 29th May - 2nd June - Half Term

Monday 5th June - Funding begins