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## Newsletter January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to everyone and very happy New Year.

### **Fundraising**

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with our fundraising efforts last year.

This year we are hoping to raise enough funds to be able to install a canopy for our outdoor area. This will enable the children to access the outdoors in all weathers and enrich their learning and development. Also to enhance the outdoors with planters and new resources. If any parents are able to help with any of these this would be much appreciated.

We are hoping to try a new idea this year where the children can buy their own gifts for special occasions and wrap these. So if anyone has any unwanted gifts such as socks, keyrings, and smelly sets etc that are new we can add these to our collection.

Please remember we rely heavily upon fundraising every year to help buy new resources for the children and enhance the nursery environment. Without your help we would not be able to do this.

Last year we were able to buy some new toys for the children in all rooms in particular some pre-writing skill toys for the pre-school which we are pleased with, however there is so much more we could have to help the children. The after school have had some outdoor toys and we have some waterproof suits on order for the children.

### **Policies**

We have updated our social networking policy please ask a member of staff if you would like to see this or have a copy.

### **Staff Training and Development**

Sharna is booked onto two courses to help her with her role in the baby/toddler room these are Child Development, aimed at babies and Understanding toddlers. I will keep you informed about any more up and coming training.

### **Holidays**

Kathryn has some days booked off throughout this first half term, this will not affect Kathryn's key worker children as other staff will be providing cover and Laura is always in the room.

## News

Please do not forget our fortnightly visits from the physical man, soft play and the library all funded by Pathways.

We are currently looking for new trustee members. If you are interested in becoming a trustee for Pathways please speak to Becci or Laura and we can explain more about the role.

Please be aware of the law **No smoking in cars when your children are in there.**

**Safety seats** - under 9kg - a baby seat

9kg - 18kg - rear or forwards facing using harness or safety shield

15kg - 36kg - high backed booster seat using a seat belt

Over 22kg - booster cushion (**this is 3st and 6lbs**)

12years or 135cm - can sit on a normal seat with the belt

## Important Dates

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Funding ends

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February** - Half Term

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Funding begins

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - Funding ends

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February** - **CLOSED**

We are currently putting together an activity planner for the year and we will send this out when this is finalised.

<u>Nursery News</u>	<u>Pre-School News</u>	<u>After School News</u>
<p>Please send your child with appropriate wear for the weather, we will be accessing outdoors more so please ensure your child has the correct footwear and clothes</p> <p>Please do not forget you can contribute to your child's learning by passing on information and photos to your child's key worker</p>	<p>Please send your child with appropriate wear for the weather. We will be outside so please ensure suitable footwear or wellies</p> <p>Please do not forget you can contribute to your child's learning by passing on information and photos to your child's key worker</p>	<p>If any of the after school would like to bring in spare clothes and shoes so they can access the outdoors without worrying about getting muddy, these can be left at nursery</p> <p>If anyone has an apron they would like to leave at nursery for the cooking sessions please bring one along, alternatively if you have any that no longer fit we would greatly appreciate these to build up our stock</p>