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Newsletter April 2022

Welcome

Welcome back after the 2 weeks Easter break. Hope everyone has had a lovely fun filled Easter.

Fundraising

Chocolate bingo is back everyone! This was very successful last time and it was a great opportunity to have a chat and a little bit of fun while raising money for the future of the children at Pathways. We will be asking for donations of chocolate for this event so if you have any spare, please send it this way. Thank you.

Policies

Policies are on our website if you require a copy of any of them then please ask a member of staff.

Staff Development

We have welcomed a new member of staff with us this term, her name is Amy Owen and she will mainly be working in the Pre-School room. She is getting to know all of the children and understanding their developmental needs. She has previously worked in a special needs school. Kimberley Jervis has also just completed her Paediatric First Aid course.

News

As the weather is starting to get a little bit warmer we are asking all parents to provide suitable clothing for their child, a labelled sun hat and sun cream to protect their skin as we would like the children to get outside as much as possible. Every child has a pump bag at nursery so please remember spare clothes to put in them that can be left at nursery.

We remain busy in the Pre-School room so we ask all parents to stick to your allocated session times. Any early or late drop offs will be charged accordingly. If you know of anyone after childcare for their baby/toddler then we do have some availability in this room.

We are inviting all parents into nursery and preschool for parents evening, which will be an opportunity for parents to look at their child's development file and chat with the staff about any concerns. Something we have been unable to do for a long time as COVID prevented this! We would also like parents to get involved with their child's files so please share any achievements, photos, trips out etc, then we can share these at circle time with the group. If you are unable to attend the parents evening your child's development folder is always

accessible in their room. Parents evening will take place Monday 16th May - Thursday 19th May, please book a convenient time with your child's keyworker.

Please do not provide any snacks, such as crisps, chocolate or juice as we promote healthy eating so you will be asked to take these home with you. Children have their own water bottles at nursery which they have access to all day. Please also ensure packed lunches are balanced and healthy.

Please remember that when children are unwell they may need to stay at home as we have policies in place that state 48 hours for sickness and diarrhoea, also a minimum of 5 days for chicken pox. It is important that we stick to these as we need to carry on running smoothly as a nursery.

Thank you for all the questionnaires that were returned there were some lovely comments on them. Oriann is busy with designing, making and sourcing free/cheaply as possible resources to enhance the outdoor area as this has been commented on. We are sending home information on what learning is taking place and ideas to share. Please engage with us at nursery and your child's learning, parent partnership is the success to your child reaching their full potential and helping the nursery achieve high standards. Thank you.

Covid

As we are all aware Covid restrictions are beginning to come to an end. However at Pathways we would like to keep all the children and staff as safe as possible and keep the nursery running to enable everyone that has to go to work can do so. We please ask that if you child has symptoms of Covid then you get them tested like before and if they do test positive that you keep them off and isolate for 3 days, returning on day 4 if your child has no temperature. Thank you for your help in this matter.

We are currently looking for new trustee members. If you are interested in this then please speak to Becci and she will explain more about this vital role.

As always we are here to help - so if you have any questions, queries or issues then please let us know and we will help in any way we can

Important dates

Monday 25th April - Funding begins

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday - CLOSED

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th May - Parents evening

Friday 27th May - Funding ends

Monday 30th May - Wednesday 1st June - Half Term

Thursday 2nd June - Bank Holiday - CLOSED

Friday 3rd June - Bank Holiday - CLOSED