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Newsletter January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to everyone and a very Happy New Year to you all. A big welcome to all the new children who are joining us this term and the children moving up into pre-school, we hope you enjoy your time here with us.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who helped with our fundraising efforts last year. We had one of the best years and were able to purchase lots of exciting new resources. Some of yet, are still to be built and used. Without your help this would not be possible.

Policies

All important policies are on our website for you to view and please ask a member of the team if you would like a paper copy.

Staff Training and Development

All staff have had their development plans for the year and Vicky Walker is currently training to become our Level 3 SENCO in nursery. Clare Cartlidge is now very near the end of her Level 5 Lead Practitioner course.

News

We have been busy cleaning up outside over the last week, with this ongoing. We have some exciting new equipment for the outdoor areas which we hope the children will love. If anyone has any ideas for the outside, please tell a member of staff. Please send children with suitable clothes for the weather. Can we please ask that you adhere to your drop off and pick up times as we have staff working accordingly to the times the children are on site to ensure we follow the staff to child ratios.

FOR SAFETY REASONS CAN ALL PARENTS PLEASE ENSURE THE GATE IS CLOSED IN THE PRE-SCHOOL AREA.

Tuesday 5th March will be our Mother's Day afternoon (1.45-2.45), if you would like to come along, please let a member of staff know. There will be fun activities to take part in with your child, light refreshments and gives you the opportunity to look at your child's file and discuss anything with their keyworker.

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day, children can bring in their favourite stories and dress up as their favourite character if they like. We will all take part in lots of literacy activities this week.

Please remember you can contribute to your child's learning by sharing and passing on information and photos from home to be included in your child's folder.

IMPORTANT NEWS

The Government has now introduced 2-year-old funding to all eligible 2-year-olds, please see below. For all funded children, we will need a copy of the child's birth certificate.

New Entitlements for Working Parents of 2 Year Olds

From 1st April 2024 working parents of children that have turned 2 by the 1st April 2024 will be eligible to claim 15 hours of funded childcare.

They will need to be eligible and apply for a code (in the same way as the current 30-hour offer for 3 and 4 years olds).

They will be able to apply for their code from the 2nd January 2024 via the Childcare Choices website:

[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

A child will need to have reached their 2nd birthday on or before 31 March 2024, and their parents will need to have successfully applied to be able to claim for the two-year-old funding from the 1 April 2024.

The code will need to be dated prior to the 1st April 2024 and expire after the 1st April 2024.

We are currently looking for new trustee members. If you are interested in becoming a trustee for Pathways please speak to Becci or Clare and we can explain more about this vital role. Our next meeting is 22nd January at 5.30 if anybody would like to come along and meet our current trustees and have a chat. At this meeting there will be new trustees attending so this is an ideal opportunity to come along to see what you can contribute to the setting.

Important Dates

Friday 9th February - Funding ends

Monday 12th - 16th February - Half Term

Monday 19th February - Funding begins

Tuesday 5th March - Mother's Day Afternoon

Thursday 7th March - World book day

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief

Friday 22nd March - Funding ends

Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April - Easter holidays

Friday 29th March - Nursery Closed - Bank Holiday

Monday 1st April - Nursery Closed - Bank Holiday

Monday 8th April - Funding begins

Tuesday 9th April - Paolo Laraso - Photographer - all welcome