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Dear Parents/Carers

### **FUNDRAISING - WE NEED YOUR HELP - SUMMER FAYRE 17<sup>th</sup> June 11-2**

We need your help to make this happen! Please can you look through your cupboards, wardrobes and wine racks for any unwanted gifts, teddies, bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), chocolate, books and DVD's, and anything else you may think will come in useful.

If you or anybody you know can donate a raffle prize then that would be great.

We will be holding this event on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 11.00-2.00.

Once again, we are offering our once a year 50% off your first two months fees with us if you register with us by this day. Please pass this offer onto anyone who may interested and requires childcare. You will be able to look at our setting on this day and see what we have to offer.

### **Policies**

All policies are available on our website and are updated regularly for you to access.

### **Staff Development**

Becci, Vicky and Sophie have completed their Paediatric First Aid Course which has updated their knowledge. Clare Cartlidge continues her training for Level 5 Senior Practitioner and is doing well. Also, this half term Clare Davies is renewing her Level 2 Safeguarding course.

### **News**

I am sure everyone is aware by now that Amy Owen has decided to leave our Pathways team. We wish her all the luck and happiness in her new job. Clare, Angela, and Vicky will remain working in the pre-school room. Vicky will also take over Amy's keyworker children. We would also like to introduce you to Sophie Shaw who has taken on a full-time position in our baby room. She already has childcare qualifications and has used this opportunity to return to this profession.

Please remember to send in sunhats and sun cream now the weather is getting warmer, these can be left at nursery if you wish. We will ensure that these are labelled with your child's name. We do have some spare hats and nursery sun cream in the setting if you happen to forget. Can we please ask that you apply suncream to your children before attending, we will then reapply in the afternoon if needed. As you can imagine applying suncream to up to 20 children in a day is quite time consuming.

Due to the increase in the cost of living, we will be putting our fees up in September, a separate letter will be handed out with information about this. We have been lucky enough that we have not increased our fees for a number of years, please do not panic this cost will not be major. Please remember that all extracurricular lessons that we provide are free are charge to yourselves and all snacks provided are not charged.

If you haven't already, could we please have a copy of your child's birth certificate for the funding applications. We can copy these for you if this is a problem.

We will be holding a Father's Day afternoon on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1.30-3.00. If any dads, uncles, grandads, or mummy's (from a single parent household) would like to attend you are more than welcome.

We have been approached by the leisure centre regarding swimming lessons for any children over the age of 3. We would take them to this lesson for you and all you would need to do is set up the direct debit with the centre. Please let us know if this is something you are interested in so we can investigate this further and get it up and running.

### **Graduation**

We are asking if you would be available on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1.30 onwards for all those children who are leaving to go to school to attend for graduation. Please let us know if you can make this date.

### **Party Dates**

**Nursery & Pre-School** - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9.00-3.00 - beach themed

**After-School** - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 3.15-5.30

We are asking for a £2.00 donation towards providing the food for the party, payable by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. As always, the day will be free of charge, please book in to secure your place.

### **Health and Safety**

To keep all staff and other children well, a kind reminder that for sickness and diarrhoea your child must not return until after 48 hours from the last episode.

Please remember to close the pre-school gate when you enter and leave.

For those children who have packed lunches, can you please ensure that you cut up your child's grapes as these can be a choking hazard and that we are advised not to give popcorn to children at nursery due to choking also. Packed lunches must be healthy.

### **Important Dates**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Funding begins

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day Afternoon 1.30-3.00

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fayre 11.00-2.00

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July -Nursery, Pre-School & After-School Party

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Graduation Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Funding ends

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Summer Holidays

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August - Bank Holiday - CLOSED

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Funding begins