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Newsletter March 2022

Welcome

Welcome back after the half term break and a warm welcome to all our new children and their families

Fundraising

We will be joining in with Comic Relief on Friday 18th March and doing lots of fun activities. Please help us support this cause and bring in a donation.

Policies

Policies are on our website if you require a copy of any of them, then please ask a member of staff. They are currently being updated.

Staff Training and Development

We have a new member of staff starting with us this term, her name is Kimberley Jervis and will mainly be working in the nursery room. She is fully qualified and is eager to get to know all the children.

Amelia continues to work towards her Level 2 in Childcare and Clare Cartlidge continues to work on her Level 5 Senior Practitioner. The baby room staff have completed some relevant training for their room and Clare Gillies has done Encouraging Positive Behaviour. Belinda has updated her Paediatric First Aid course. Well done everyone and keep up the hard work.

News

You may have noticed that Linzee has not been around much this half term, she has been off sick. We also have to give you the sad news that she has decided to leave us at Pathways, she will be greatly missed by all staff and children. We wish her every success in her future and told her not to be a stranger and drop in from time to time.

Rebecca has been carrying out Linzee's role and taken on all Linzee's keyworker children and will continue to work with these children and provide their learning for them. Rebecca has really enjoyed working with the children more, and this has also provided her with some positive reflections on the planning for the room.

Clare Gillies will be taking over the role from Linzee. Linzee, Clare and Rebecca have always worked closely together so Clare is aware of the job role. We wish Clare all the best in her new role at Pathways.

We are now very busy in the Pre-school room and full on certain days so please stick to your allocated times. Any early or late drop offs will be charged accordingly. We do have some spaces left in our baby/toddler room.

We will be celebrating World Book day on the 3rd March by showing our love of books, children can dress up as their favourite book character if they wish. We will be handing out book tokens for this event.

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

Please ensure that you send your child with suitable clothing, including a coat as we try and access outdoors daily.

We would like parents to get involved with their child's files so please share any achievements, photos, days out etc. and we can share these with the group and add them to your child's development file. Your child's file is free to access in the room at any time.

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 your 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 the 5 days, returning to normal on day 6 if negative and well. Can all parents please follow the same guidance as the government have asked us to do. Thank you for your help in this matter.

We are currently looking for new trustee members. If you are interested in this the please speak to Rebecca who 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 28th February - Funding begins

Thursday 3rd March - World Book day

Friday 18th March - Comic Relief

Monday 28th March - Paolo Laraso photographer - all welcome

Thursday 7th April - Zoo Lab 1.30-2.25

Friday 8th April - Funding ends

Monday 11th - 22nd April - Easter Holidays

Monday 25th April - Funding begins