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Newsletter March 2023

We are very excited to announce that we have been awarded a **GOOD** by Ofsted. I am so incredibly proud of all my staff and all the hard work and dedication that they give every day to the nursery. Some of the comments made by Ofsted were:

"staff use children's interests to positively contribute towards the experiences they receive"

"staff know children extremely well"

Children "develop good self-esteem as they fully immerse themselves"

"communication is weaved throughout the curriculum"

"children's outcomes are enhanced because staff work closely with parents"

"staff greatly benefit from regular meetings to share knowledge and future objectives"

"the headteacher at the host-school highlights the importance of the service that the setting provides"

"the manager and staff demonstrate a secure knowledge of child protection"

Fundraising

Our next fundraising event will be for Red Nose Day and will take place on Friday 17th March, we will be doing lots of fun activities on the day and if you are able to send in any donations for this great event, we would be very grateful.

We will also be holding a Mother's Day afternoon, these have been very successful in the past where you can come and spend the afternoon with us and enjoy some activities with your child, socialise, talk to your child's keyworker and enjoy a cup of tea and cake. We will run a Mother's Day hamper for this week to raise some funds towards to the nursery and will draw the raffle on the day. See you there.

Policies

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

Staff Development

Clare C continues with her Level 5 Senior Practitioner course and we have a new member of staff that has started with us, Vicky Walker. She is a level 3 qualified practitioner and

has worked in nurseries previously, she has already settled in well and was thrown in the deep end in her first week with the arrival of Ofsted. Welcome to the team Vicky Walker.

Holidays

Our next holiday, Easter will be fast approaching. We will send out the holiday information very shortly.

News

We will be running an Easter Bonnet this year, all children are welcome to make their own easter bonnets, anything goes! If you would like to bring these in week beginning 27th March, we will judge these on Thursday 30th March. Let's get creative.

We are again getting busy in the Pre-school room and Nursery, so we please ask that you stick to your allocated times and if you know of anyone who requires childcare then please tell them to get in contact with us very soon.

Our photographer will be coming on Monday 27th March, all children are welcome to attend and other family members of the child are also welcome. Please book a time slot with a member of staff if you wish to attend, all children attending nursery on that day will have their photo taken. The photographer is normally only with us for the morning.

Please ensure that you send your child with suitable clothing, including a coat as we try and access outdoors daily. Can we please also ask that you send spare clothes for your child in case of any accidents or incidents that may occur during the day. These can be left at nursery if you wish or placed in your child's bag.

As children spend most of the day playing on the floor, alongside table top activities, Can we please ask that if you send your child in wellies that you send another pair of shoes with them so we can change them once at nursery for their comfort.

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.

One more piece of information we would like to highlight is **car seats**,

- Booster seats are used until the age of 12 or 135cm.
- Height based seats, known as i-size seats must be rear facing until your child is over 15 months old, this can then be forward facing after this age.
- Weight based seats:
 1. 0kg-10kg, group 0 - lie flat or 'lateral' baby carrier, rear-facing carrier or rear-facing seat using a harness.
 2. 0kg-13kg, group 0+ - rear facing baby carrier or rear-facing seat using a harness.
 3. 9kg-18kg, group 1 - rear or forward-facing baby seat with a harness or safety shield.

4. 15kg-25kg, group 2 - rear or forward-facing child car seat (high backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt harness or safety shield.
5. 22kg-36kg, group 3 - rear or forward-facing child car seat (high backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt harness or safety shield.

We are currently looking for new trustee/committee members. If you are interested in this the please speak to Becci or Clare D and we 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

Thursday 16th March - Mother's Day Afternoon 12.45-2.45

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day

Monday 27th March - Paolo Lorasio - photographer

Thursday 30th March - Easter Bonnet

Friday 31st March - Funding ends

Monday 3rd - 14th April - Half Term

Friday 7th April - Bank Holiday - CLOSED

Monday 10th April - Bank Holiday - CLOSED

Monday 17th April - Funding begins