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## Newsletter September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

A big welcome back to you all, we hope you have all had a lovely summer break and we welcome the new children into the nursery and the children moving up into the pre-school room.

### **Fundraising**

Our Summer Fun Day saw us raise £486 which is fantastic but not as much as previous years, we were all a little apprehensive at first as only a few parents donated bottles and brought raffle tickets but the day turned out to be a success with some of you coming to join in the day of fun. Thank you to everyone who came on the day and helped us to raise this fabulous amount. This money added to our other fundraising money will help to us to buy some new resources for the children. The staff have many ideas to help enrich the learning of your children and we have some plans for the outdoors, without your support this will be not be possible. So thank you to all that currently help us and keep up the good work. We will keep you posted on what we spend the money on.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September sees us host the MacMillan coffee morning, if you would like to help us raise money for this charity please come along and enjoy a slice of homemade cake with a tea or coffee. You can come along between the hours of 9.00-11.00. Please help us to support this good cause, looking forward to seeing you there.

### **Policies**

All policies remain the same. Please see the policy files in individual rooms if you wish to take a look at any of these.

### **Staff Training and Development**

Becci is completing a webinar on aspiring to create and outstanding baby room, so hopefully lots of ideas will come from this.

### **Holidays**

Laura has two weeks booked off over this half term, with some other staff just having a day here or there. Laura's keyworker children will continue in there learning and development by other staff working alongside your children.

Our holiday letter for October will be out later in this half term.

## News

Can we please remind all parents that mobile phones are prohibited from use inside the nursery and that children are also not allowed phones in nursery. Any mobiles that children bring in will be kept safe by a staff member until they leave for home. We will not answer the door if we see you on your mobile; this is to safeguard all children in our care.

Due to children leaving us to start school and some nursery children moving up, the start of term is a little quiet so some days we will be joined. However we will not compromise on the children's safety or their learning in anyway and as soon as numbers pick up we will resume as normal. The staff will let you know where we are and Becci or Laura will be on hand if you have any concerns. The following activities will re-commence for nursery and pre-school children as follows:

- Monday - fortnightly visits from our physical man who teaches the children a wide range of educational physical skills - 2 years and up
- Thursday - our fortnightly session from Boogie Beats, who teaches the children a range of skills through singing, actions and listening. Alternate Thursday's we will visit the library.

Please remember these activities are paid for by Pathways and are at no extra cost to yourselves. If you have any ideas or suggestions you think we can do at Pathways for your children, please share these with a member of staff. We are always open to suggestions and love new ideas.

If you or your children have any ideas for the after-school care then please let Sharna know.

**We are currently looking for new trustee members. If you are interested in becoming a trustee for Pathways please speak to Becci or Laura and we can explain more about this vital role. Our next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30 if anybody would like to come along and meet our current trustees and have a chat.**

We will be holding our Grandparents day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1.00-3.00, we welcome all grandparents or family members into the nursery to come and enjoy an afternoon of fun with their grandchild. All children are welcome.

## Important Dates

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** - funding begins

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** - grandparent's afternoon 1.00-3.00

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - Mac Millan coffee morning

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - funding ends

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October** - half term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** - funding begins

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Halloween party for all children, please let a member of staff know if you would like to swap your day or add on an extra day.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - Paolo Laraso photographs - all welcome

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - parent afternoon/concert

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas party for all children

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - funding ends

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - nursery open for anyone that needs care