

Welcome back to a new half term! It is lovely to see that the weather is starting to get warmer, fingers crossed for summer!

Staff/Children Moves

We will be having a couple of staff moving rooms at the end of this term, Staff are due to move rooms at the end of July.

Children that are moving rooms will then have settles in their new rooms and move to their new rooms during August ready to start the new term in September.

Your child's Room Leader/Deputy will inform you when your child has been for settles, we will not set an actual room move date straight away as we will follow the child's lead and make sure they are settled before they move room.

You are welcome to visit your child's new room throughout August to meet the team and see the set up of the room.

Staff News

As our Cubs parents may be aware, one of our members of Staff in Cubs, Ellie is currently pregnant and will be leaving to go on Maternity leave at the end of the summer, but we look forward to meeting her new baby girl and wish her well.

Cassey, who was in Lions, is now a proud mummy to a baby boy who was born at the end of March and will be returning to the setting in September.

Soft Play – Family Event

This Saturday (10th June) we have our family soft play event at the Moorhen.

We have private use of their soft play area and have 2 sessions available.

These are 2pm – 3.30pm and 3.30pm – 5pm. We still have a handful of spaces available for both sessions. These are £2.50 per session per child, if you would like your children to have a space at both sessions this would be £5 per child.

Please message our work phone to book a space for your child/children. Siblings/cousins/friends etc that don't attend the setting are also welcome to come but a space must be booked and paid for.

Graduation

Graduation will be held for our Lions and Tigers that are leaving to go to Primary school on Saturday 1st July 2023 at 10am – 11.30am. This will be held at the WI Hall just down the road from us.

Due to the number of children graduating this year we only have space for 2 guests per child.

Kids Club

Our Kids Club has been running since January 2023 and we have had lots of new children join us both after school and in the school holidays. We have started to have children booked in for September 2023, if you require after school care for now or September, please contact us to book a space.

We have just enjoyed a very busy and fun May half term with themed days and outside visitors coming in to do workshops with the children. If your child attended during the half term, please could you provide us with feedback of what your children enjoyed/didn't enjoy so we can use this when planning for the summer holidays. We have already had some children book in for the summer holidays and will be running from Monday 24th July – Friday 1st September 2023.

We provide after school pick-ups from Fawbert & Barnards, Harlowbury, Tany's Dell, Henry Moore and Newhall schools. Our Kids Club is based at Fawbert & Barnards school for care after school and during the school holidays for school children aged 4 – 11 years old.

Fees

A reminder that invoices will be sent the last week of the month for the following month, these are due to be paid by the 7th of each month. So, for example, June's invoices were sent on the 29th/30th of May and are due to be paid by the 7th June. Please can we ask all invoices to be paid promptly on time each month. If you have any problems with meeting this payment date, please let us know.

Lunches

From Monday 31st July 2023 we will no longer be providing lunches prepared at the setting. Children will be required to bring in a packed lunch box. Unfortunately, this isn't a decision we made lightly however it is a decision we had to make.

Suncream

Please could you check the ingredients in your child's suncream. A few suncreams contain Almond oil or Coconut oil. We have staff and children in the setting with these allergies who react through touch. Please could we ask for children to not have suncream containing these ingredients.

Labelling all children's items

Please can you ensure that all your child's belongings are labelled including shoes, hats, jackets and drink bottles. This also allows us to reunite lost property with all children. Any items that come in with no names on will have their initials added so that we are able to return all items.

Illnesses/Medicines

We are unfortunately having to send children home every week as they are not well enough to be in the setting. If your child is not well enough, then they should be at home where you can care for them on a 1 to 1 basis.

As stated in our Managing Children who are Sick, Infectious or with Allergies Policy, children should be kept at home;

- For 48hrs after the last bout of sickness and diarrhoea
- For 24hrs after a temperature has returned to normal
- For 24 hrs after a vaccine/jab/nasal spray
- For 48hrs if they have been prescribed medication for an infectious illness
- Until they have had at least 3 doses of antibiotics

Jabs and Vaccines

Just a reminder that if your child has had a vaccination (including 1 year jabs, preschool jabs, MMR, nasal spray, or flu jabs) they should be kept at home for 24 hours afterwards (as detailed in our Administering Medicine Policy), in case of a reaction to the vaccination. We would appreciate if parents can please keep us informed of any days those vaccinations are happening so we can ensure we are adhering to this policy.

Pre-existing accidents

We have a duty of care to all the children in our setting and as part of that we are required to record any pre-existing accidents. These are accidents that have happened at home or out and about before they come into nursery. If your child has had any accidents that have resulted in an injury then please let us know when you drop them off so the staff member can record this on Baby's Days as a pre-existing injury.

Tax-Free Childcare

Just a reminder that we accept Tax-Free Childcare, and you may be able to pay for your childcare using it. If you're a working parent, you can get up to £500 every three months (up to £2000 a year per child) to help with the costs of childcare. For every £8 you pay into your childcare account, the government will pay in £2. You can then use the money to pay for your childcare. To check how much, you could get towards your childcare costs and check whether you're eligible please visit the following website: www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

Dates for the diary:

- **Soft Play Event** – Saturday 10th June 2023 – 2pm – 3.30pm and 3.30pm – 5pm. Spaces still available.
- **Preschool Graduation** – Saturday 1st July 2023 – 10am – 11.30am.
- **Summer Finish Date** – Thursday 20th July 2023 - Children who are funded/term time only finish.
- **Christmas Break 2023/24** – The setting closes on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at **4pm** and we reopen on Thursday 4th January 2024. Funded/Term Time children finish on Friday 15th December 2023 and return on Monday 8th January 2024.

REMINDER!

Please can you remember that we are a **NO PEANUTS AND NO NUTS** building! This includes **Almonds, Hazelnuts, Walnuts and Coconut**, as well as products such as Nutella, certain types of Chocolate Spread and different types of Milk!