



Happy Days
Where Children Shine

Derriford November 2017

Newsletter

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter and the beginning of bonfire nights and firework displays.

Staff News

We would like to welcome Louise to the team who is joining us as our newest cook and will be supporting Jonathan in the kitchen. Apologies there was a miscommunication last month. We would also like welcome Will and Samantha who join our supply Nursery Nurse team.

New Families

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to new children who will be starting at our nursery throughout the month of November; Nathaniel, Freya, Luna, Arlee, Layla and Alyssa will be starting in our Explorers rooms.

Birthdays



We would like to say a big Happy Birthday to Evelyn, Neve, Luna and Isla who will all be turning 1 this month. Eleana, Obie, Leo, Adam and Eli will all be celebrating

their 2nd birthday, while Eloise, Gilligan, James and Imogen will all be turning 3. Turning 4 this month will be Ruby, Finlay, James, Jessy, Evie, Owen and Ella. We hope you all enjoy your celebrations and all of the children have a wonderful birthday.

Dates for your Diary

Explorers Parents Evening- 1st & 2nd November 5.30-7.30pm

Adventurers Parents Evenings- 28th & 29th November 5.30-7.30pm

Photo Order deadline- ??

Christmas Family Fun Day- Saturday 16th December 10am-12pm

Christmas Closure- open until 7pm on 22nd December and re-open at 7am on 2nd January 2018

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have now started some music and movement sessions with Wendy from Hartbeeps, which are very popular with the children.



These run in 6 week blockings so we will soon be giving out booking forms with new dates for the next block, with current availability on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. If you would like your child to join these and have not yet registered, please speak with a member of the nursery management team.

Tax Free Childcare Compensation

We understand that some parents have been experiencing long delays when applying for the new Government tax free childcare scheme. As a result of these delays some parents may be entitled to compensation. Further details, please visit the HMRC website:

<http://www.parenta.com/2017/08/14/parents-offered-compensation-over-tax-free-childcare>

Early Years Pupil Premium Funding

Registering could result in extra funding for your child's early years education. We will be sending forms home for parents to review so please ensure you return as soon as possible in order for this additional funding to be applied.

2018 School Applications



If your child is due to start school in September 2018, applications are now open online and the deadline for submission is 15th January 2018, please visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.



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Smart Start

All of the children who are now in their last year with us will have started our school readiness programme which we call 'Smart Start'. Each week we have a school readiness topic that we cover with those children transitioning into primary school next September. Each topic has a practitioner support sheet with activity ideas and additional prompts. The current term's overview and accompanying practitioner support sheets are on display in the corridor near the kitchen, should you wish to view these.

All children who have turned 3 should also be in receipt of a free Happy Days polo shirt as part of our Smart Start programme. If your child has yet to receive theirs then please speak to Kerry at reception.

If you would like to receive the half-termly emails with a topic overview and parental suggestions of how to continue with the weekly topic at home, then please ensure you register your email address at reception with Kerry.

Polite Reminders

Please can we remind all parents that if they do not currently pay their nursery fees through the salary sacrifice scheme at Derriford or the tax free childcare scheme, then fees are payable via direct debit on the first of each month. Please ensure you collect a direct debit form from reception and complete it as soon as possible.

To ensure we can return items of clothing to their rightful owners, please ensure you write your child's name on their clothing labels.

Please ensure that for children's medication, the instructions you give to our staff team match those of the prescription label on the medication package. Should this not be completed correctly it may cause a delay in administering the medication to your child.

We understand that some children like to bring in toys from home to show their friends. Can we ask that parents take these home again with them and not leave these in nursery. Firstly, due to small parts these toys may not be suitable for a nursery setting and we do not hold risk assessments for these toys, and secondly, we would not like to see children upset should their toy become broken.



Home Learning Packs

Just to remind parents that each of the rooms have a basket with a variety of home learning packs available for families to borrow to use at home. Please feel free to speak to a staff member if you have not seen these recently.

Home Learning- Painting with a difference

This month there will be plenty of opportunities for children to explore the wonderful sights and sounds of firework displays. Many children perhaps may be experiencing these for their first time.



These paintings are a fantastic way to explore with new media and re-create their own firework scene. This is a very simple yet effective technique and supports children in developing fine motor skills as well as hand-eye coordination and muscle development within the mouth that also supports their speech development.

Simply mix some paint with water and provide the children with a plastic drinking straw and encourage them to blow the paint across the paper.

As always, our staff members would love to hear about any of these activities that you try at home, simply complete a home observation sticker or a wow star and hand in to your child's key person.

Children in Need- Friday 17th November

This year we are running a fancy dress competition and there will be a prize for the winner of each room and we are asking parents



to donate £1 which will go directly to the Children in Need charity. We have an 'anything goes' theme so there's plenty of time to get your creative thinking caps on. The children will also be getting busy with their baking skills and we will be holding a charity cake sale on Friday 17th November.

This year you can also donate any old £1 coins that you may have still at home and these will be donated directly to the charity.

If you would like to receive an emailed version of our monthly newsletter, please give your email address to the nursery office.

Thank you for your continued support.



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