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**Newsletter – June 2024** 



# **NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 & JANUARY 2025**

## Sunhats and Sun cream

Please apply **long-lasting** sun cream on your child **before** they come to nursery. In addition, please supply a sunhat, labelled clearly with your child's name and class. (We have a supply of legionnaire style hats which children can use if needed)





# Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Photographer

The photographer will only be here for the morning, so arrangements will be made for children who attend alternative sessions.

More details will follow.



Nursery Summer Fair – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 3.30-4.30pm



## **Dates to Remember**

The last day of the summer term for children will be **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**Pupils will return to school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - INSET
\*Note – pupils new to the setting will have individual dates\*

# Parents' open event

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July between 3.30-4.30pm the nursery will be holding an open event. You are welcome to drop in and chat to staff during this time. If you would like to arrange a separate meeting with your child's key person or SENDCO this can be arranged – please contact us for more information.

## Fruit/Snack Money

Thank you to all parents who continue to pay fruit/snack money each week. It is becoming increasingly difficult to fund fresh fruit for children and we would request that parents / carers please contribute £1 per week. Please pay at the school office or pass to a member staff.





#### F1 Beach Trip

Thank you to all those who joined us for our recent trip to the beach.

Despite the weather, everyone had a great time!

# Butterfly Class Trip to Chester Zoo

This trip will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Those who have signed up to attend will soon receive an update.



## **Working parents**

You may be eligible for funded childcare and education. Please follow this link to check eligibility: https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working

2 YEAR OLDS:
PARENTS MAY BE
ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UP
TO 15 HOURS OF FUNDED
EARLY EDUCATION AND
CHILDCARE PER WEEK

3 YEAR OLDS: YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UP TO 30 HOURS.

## **Attendance**

If your child is absent from school for any reason, we ask that you **contact the nursery school office** before 9.00 a.m. on the first day of absence for morning children, and before 12.30 p.m. for afternoon children.



Please note that we have a duty of care to your child and as such we need to investigate unexplained absences from nursery.

### **Transition**

Over the course of this half term we will continue to support children as some of them prepare to transition to a new room at nursery or to an F2 class at a primary school. Should you have any concerns at all please contact us and we'll be happy to chat.



### **Photo Journals**

In order to support your child's development and well-being, staff focus their time on high quality interactions with your child, scaffolding and supporting their learning. In an effort to streamline our assesment procedures you will now receive termly photo journals, celebrating your child's activities in school. We welcome your responses to these and would encourage you to continue sharing your child's learning at home.

The parents / carers of children who are moving to primary schools in September will receive an end of year progress report in the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> July.





# Why is good punctuality and attendance important?

Regular routines for young children enhance their sense of security and can also help to foster good habits for children's later life. Research shows that children with good attendance are at an advantage in later life and:

- find it easier to make and maintain friendships
- are more likely to gain good qualifications
- earn higher wages
- have a higher chance of being employed
- have higher self-esteem

Poor attendance and punctuality, even at the earliest age, can affect achievement in later life. Establishing good habits from the start helps children to settle more quickly into new settings and routines.

# Strategies to encourage good attendance & punctuality:

- Have regular bedtime and morning routines
- Prepare for the morning routine by packing your child's bag the night before and setting out clothes
- Talk together about all the fun your child will have at nursery
- Arrange routine medical appointments, outings and holidays for times when your child does not attend nursery, wherever possible
- Talk to your child's key person if you have any concerns or anxieties
- Work with your child to develop healthy hygiene practices.

If you are facing difficulties getting your child to nursery, it is important to discuss this with us at your earliest opportunity – We are here to help!