

Small World Nursery News

February 2018



Half Term- **Monday 12th – Friday 16th Feb**
Spring Term finishes on **Friday 23rd March**
Summer Term Starts on **Monday 9th April**
Half Term – **Monday 28th May-Friday 1st June**
Summer Term finishes on – **Friday 13th July**



Friday 30th March- Good Friday
Monday 2nd April- Easter Monday
Monday 30th April- Bank Holiday
Monday 28th May- Bank Holiday



Tuesday 8th May- 6pm-8pm

Half Term



Don't panic, it will be fun!

Next week is half term and we would love you to join us in collecting 'Loose Parts'.

Don't know what 'loose parts' are?

No problem, please have a look at our display in the corridor, take a bag and a leaflet and it will give you some ideas ☺



Headlice

We have had some cases of Head Lice reported in the nursery, please could we ask that you check your children's hair regularly and treat them as needed to reduce the risk of this spreading.

If you are unsure how to treat them, please ask a member of staff how can give you our headlice leaflet.



Government 15 hour Funding for 2, 3 & 4 year olds

– some truths 'Free' is NOT Free

"The Government advertise that children aged two, three and four receive 'free' early years education per week. What they don't say is that it's only paid for a maximum of 38 weeks per year and it's often paid at a much lesser rate than nurseries and childminders need to charge to stay afloat.

"In our case we now run at a loss of over £1.20 per hour per child, for each child who takes up a free place. Worryingly, if you multiply this by the amount of funded 2, 3 & 4 year olds we have and a grim picture emerges. Due to the restrictions placed on settings accessing funding, we are not allowed to charge the parents 'top ups' to make up the difference.

Since 2015, more than a 1,000 nurseries and childminders have gone out of business due to the way that the funding is calculated and the losses they are sustaining.

Now, whilst we are not in danger of closing.... A few things need to change:

- 1) If you are accessing a funded place, please ensure that your child arrives and is collected on time.
- 2) If you are accessing a funded place, please ensure that any absences are reported to the nursery office with the reason for absence and sign our absence folder which is located in the nursery reception area.
- 3) Additional hours or services taken by you should be paid on time. In the past we have very accommodating of late payers but are going to become a lot stricter and services will be reduced to funded only sessions until the debt is paid.
- 4) If you are accessing a free session, it would be very appreciated if you could donate a piece of fruit for your child's snack each time they are in.
- 5) We are looking at the way that our sessions are structured and any changes will be implemented in September 2018.



Goodbyes

It is with great sadness that we have said goodbye to Kirsty & Claire. They have both been working for us for many years. Kirsty has been on maternity leave since the birth of her son and has chosen to stay at home to look after him. Unfortunately, Claire has left due to ill health. I hope that you will join us in wishing them both well.

Emma and Amy will continue to do a fantastic job in looking after our little stars with Amy taking on the leadership of the baby room from Claire.

Hellos

We would like to welcome Catalina Herra-Patino and, Matthew Wilkinson to the Small World team. Catalina joined our team in January to work with two children on a 1:1 basis. Matthew is joining our nursery to cover our lunchtime period and will be working with all age groups term time only. Both bring a wealth of experience working with young children with additional needs.

Reminder about what should you bring with you to nursery?

Milk feeds- If your child is below 1 years old and requires formula milk, please provide the sterilised bottle and a measured amount of milk powder.

Nappies- Please note, you are required to provide nappies for your child during their session. From the 1st November, the nursery will be charging for any nursery nappies used and this will be added to your invoice at a cost of 50p per nappy.

Spare clothes- Please bring a bag with spare clothes in so they can be changed in the event of water play, getting wet outside or toileting accidents.

Appropriate clothing- Please can we remind you that all children go outside as part of their experience at nursery and your child needs to be suitably dressed for all weathers.

This includes:

- Wellies & Coat for the rain
- Jumper, Coat, Hat, Scarf and gloves for the cold weather
- Sun hat and sun cream for the warm weather



The nursery is a '**Mobile Free**' zone!!!!!!

Due to safeguarding reasons, We kindly ask that you refrain from using/answering your phone whilst in the nursery and if you are on the phone when you ring the nursery bell you will be asked to wait outside the door until you have finished your call.



Nursery door

It has been noted on several occasions that parents have been letting other people into the nursery. For security reasons, please **DO NOT** open the door for other people **EVEN IF THEY HAVE CHILDREN WITH THEM.**



Don't forget to share photos of your child and your family outside of the nursery and send them in via Eylog.



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