

PARENT NEWSLETTER 2018

"Helping those tiny feet develop into Giant Steps"

Staff praise

I just wanted to praise my wonderful staff for their achievements and hard work over the summer.

I hope you would all agree that all the rooms look amazing. All of the staff have updated their safeguarding training, paediatric first aid and are constantly looking at the environments to adapt to the children's needs and developmental stages.

Mandy achieved the highest rating in the kitchen and Livvy is working hard to complete her NVQ level 3 by Summer 2019.

The garden has been developed to cater for all seven areas of learning with help from Charlie who has a real flare for outdoor spaces and planning. Clair Kerley is adapting the nook space to be a quiet calm area for Children needing additional support or just wanting some time to relax in a quiet space.

Sophie has updated and worked hard to ensure all children are fully supported if extra support is required and Molly runs the room beautifully with lovely ideas to keep the children happy and interested in their play.

Clare and Kelly are a huge help in their deputy roles, supporting me so I can spend more time helping at our Laverstock setting. Hayley oversees the Early Years foundation Stage throughout the setting by completing termly co-hort tracking. This is then shared with all staff, so we can help to develop any areas that may be required. We will let you know what we are working towards in November.

Katie is working well on her creative skills in the Elves room, we are hoping she can do some dancing sessions after half term.

Jess continues to bring new ideas to help develop the children's skills in the Gnomes room.

30 Hours funding

If you would like to find out more about the 30 hours, please visit the website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

You will then be given a code which you need to give to us. This then needs to be renewed every 3 months.

Early years pupil premium

Some parents may also be eligible for pupil premium. Please see below and inform the setting

3 and 4 year olds in state funded early education will attract EYPP funding if they meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- They are currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales
- They have left care in England or Wales through:
 - an adoption
 - a special guardianship order
 - a child arrangement order

'Giant Steps 2018'

Staffing updates

We have welcomed Hailey to our team. She is supporting in the Pixie room on a Tuesday and Thursday all day alongside Helen.

Congratulations to Charlie who has completed her level 3 NVQ. She has worked very hard to complete this whilst being a mummy and working at the Nursery.

We have a student with us at the moment from Wiltshire college called Sophia. Sophia is supporting the Elves room two days per week.

Baby room

Can all parents provide teething gels/powder whilst your child is teething. We can only give calpol when a child has a temperature.

Can you ensure that all babies have suitable warm clothes for going outdoors. We like to go throughout the day so want to ensure the children are nice and warm.

I am happy to announce that Maxine had a beautiful baby boy called Louie. They are both doing well and adjusting to life as a family of four.

We are also happy to announce that Helen is expecting her second baby in February.

I will keep you all updated about maternity cover after Christmas.

Buses

As I am sure you are all aware, we have constant issues with parking. My understanding is that parents of the school only pick up at the borough, it has however now become apparent that they can collect from the school. This means that from 2.40pm-3.15pm parking is very difficult. If you usually collect between these times, then please feel free to come a bit later so you are able to park safely and leave safely with the Children.

Diary dates

08/10/18. – Planning evening. 6.30pm
08/11/18 – Photograph day. All day. Last photo's 3.45pm for school siblings.
19/11/18 – Parents evening. Slot sheets will be put up on each room door.
08/12/18 – Christmas fun day 4pm-5.30pm.
02/01/19 – Back to nursery

Closure date – Last day for Children attending all year will be Friday 21st December.

Menu

Our Winter menu can be viewed on the website. This is also displayed on each room door. Our website is under construction but should be ready very soon.

Nursery website and App

We are currently updating our website to make it more informative for all. This will also be a joint website with the Riverbourne farm nursery. We will update you on the app when the website is fully functioning.

DON'T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD THE APP!!!

Book share

Please help yourself to any book displayed on the unit in the hallway. The children can choose one on their way out to look through at bedtime.

Our Golden Rules

1. Gentle hands
2. Listening ears
3. Looking after our friends
4. Walking feet indoors