

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

**COOKED LUNCHES – Update!**

We will be offering the option of a two-course cooked meal from Monday, 7th January.

During our Christmas closure period we will be installing a new kitchen and appliances to ensure effective delivery of the meals.

Letters regarding the meals will be sent out next week. You will also be given a form which will be used to confirm your child’s cooked meals request.

If you prefer, you may continue to provide your child with a packed lunch. Please ensure that your child’s lunch box is clearly labelled and contains an ice pack. Due to time and facility restraints, the heating up of home provided meals at nursery will only be offered to Ducklings’ room children.

**Welcome**

Welcome to our Autumn term newsletter.

We hope you find the information useful.

**Children in Need is Back!**

We will be fund raising for Children in Need

from **12th to 16th November**.

Dress in pyjamas or fancy dress or put a

donation in the box for something yummy

from our cake stall! There will also be a competition to win a soft Pudsey Bear!

**Outdoor & Indoor Footwear**

Now that the wet weather has arrived, we would be very grateful if you could provide your child with a change of footwear for indoors. Plimsols or soft canvas shoes with Velcro fastening, or slippers are ideal. Please also name the footwear as we can sometimes have more than one child with the same style. We also have shoe bags available for £3.00 which are great for indoor footwear.

**Autumn/Winter Clothing**

Now that we have had a big change in the weather please ensure that your child’s bag now contains spare clothes that are suitable for this time of year. A coat and woolly hat are also essential.

**Nappies, Wipes & Cream**

If your child is in nappies, please remember to include wipes in their bag.

We actively promote good health for all the children in our care and are very conscious that certain nappy creams are not ideal for a baby’s delicate skin. We are now looking at natural alternatives and will let you know as soon as we have sourced an appropriate brand.

**September 2019 Sessions**

We will shortly be sending out booking forms for sessions starting September 2019. We are becoming increasingly busy and, if you are thinking of changing days or increasing sessions, please let us know as soon as possible.

**Family Portrait Evening**

Due to lack of interest, we will not be holding a family portrait evening this year. We will look at this again next year and may hold one in the Summer.



**FEES & INVOICES**

This is just a reminder that fees are payable a month in advance and are due by the 7th of the month.

For example, invoices for December’s fees will be sent on the 22nd of November and must be paid by the 7th of December.

Any invoices not paid in full by this date will incur a 5% charge (minimum £2.50).

This also applies to payments made by childcare vouchers, which must be set up to reach our bank account no later than the 7th of the month.

**30 Hours Early Years Funding**

If you think that you may be eligible for the extended hours of funding starting in January 2019,

**YOU MUST OBTAIN YOUR CODE BY** **31st DECEMBER!**

You can check your eligibility and childcare finance options at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Leaflets and guides explaining the process are now available in our foyer.

If you need any further advice, please speak to Jo.

**Team News**

**We are very pleased to welcome Claire to the Bouncing Beans team!**

Claire started with us in October and will be working on Thursdays and Fridays in our Ducklings room.

Claire has more than eighteen years of experience in childcare and is a very friendly, calm and dedicated practitioner. Although she is based in Ducklings room you may see her now and again in Goslings and Cygnets if she covers staff absence.

**News from The Rooms!**

Ducklings

The Ducklings room team would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Ducklings who are settling well.

We are off to a flying start having explored the book ‘Whatever Next’ with props and reenactment, zooming to the moon in our cardboard box, and making aeroplanes and rockets. We are now dancing through Autumn with rhythm stick songs.

Please inform us if your child has had any changes to their routine for example, sleeping in the afternoon and not the morning or now using a cup and not a bottle. We can then update your child’s routine record card to ensure that we have a consistent approach to your child’s needs.

***Charmaine, Amy & Claire x***

Goslings

Welcome to all the new Goslings!

They have settled really well and are beginning to make friends with the children already here.

We’ve enjoyed making displays for our walls and exploring new resources.

We have been talking about Autumn and Halloween and will soon be enjoying Christmas activities.

Please let us know if you would like to join us for a Play Date! These are a wonderful opportunity for you or a grandparent to spend time with us and to share in your child’s learning and play.

***Sandra & Abbie x***

Cygnets

The Cygnets have settled in really well, forming good attachments with staff and children.

We have introduced a ‘wow board’ for the children to show their achievements. Please take a look as this will be updated regularly.

The children have enjoyed exploring Autumn and looking closely at days of the week through our interactive ‘Bananas the Monkey’ calendar.

If your child is now settled at nursery it is preferable that toys are not brought in to nursery. If they need to bring something in to Cygnets’ please limit this to one toy. We have an extensive range of resources for the children and they really do not need their own toys. We try very hard to look after toys that are brought in, but unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that they will not get lost or broken.

If you have any worries or questions, please feel free to speak to us.

***Michaela & Karen x***

**Important Dates**

**Christmas Closure**- Monday 17th December to Tuesday 1st January. (return Wednesday 2nd January 2019)

**Summer Closure** – Friday, 30th August 2019.

Graduation party for our Cygnets room children and

new academic year set up day for staff.