



Happy Nursery Days

News Letter: February 2022

We would like to welcome all our new parents and children to the Happy Nursery Days family.

Baby Room (Little chicks)

As part of our natural thinkers project as well as meeting our 10 Commitments Little Chicks have sent a planting activity for parents to support and encourage children to look after by watering and sending pictures and update via the app.

Cheeky Ducklings (toddlers)

Children have been exploring the local community going on a nature walk and also spotting signs and Logo. I.e. the Bus stop signs, bus numbers. They also had a chance to test their physical skill playing and climbing in the local playground. They took pictures by the post box and the local postman, this speak a discussion about what the post man does and posting letters.

Clever Swans (Preschool)

Our pre-schoolers have been talking about their emotions and feelings. This has helped them to understand and communicate not only their own emotions, but others' as well, a vital skill for building positive relationships with their peers and adults around them.

They also used the feeling pictures cards to express their feelings and needs, rather than words out loud. They also learnt and used some new words such confused, excited, surprised in their play.

COVID19: Keeping Safe @ HND

We thank all parents for cooperation, understanding and supporting us to continue to keep our nursery safe as possible, during these difficult challenging times.

In Lambeth, and most early years settings the Covid-19 incidence rate increased considerably in December. Although it has

Subsequently decreased, it remains relatively high. Due to the high number of cases in settings across Lambeth, we are working with the Lambeth Public Health Team for advice and what action to take if we have a case.

We continue to ask that anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms (cough, high temperature and loss of taste and smell) should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed. Covid-19 guidance is frequently updated so please check for latest guidance and updates.

Sickness/Illnesses

As you are aware it is that time of year for coughs and cold, to promote the good health of all children attending the nursery, we ask parents to keep children at home if they are unwell. If a child is unwell, it is in their best interest to be in a home environment rather than at nursery with their peers, where it is impossible to give them the one to one attention they need. Children with specific illnesses such as vomiting and diarrhoea must stay at home until they have been clear for at least 48 hours after the last episode before returning to nursery to protect other children and staff in the nursery.

Help Paying for Childcare

Parents may be able to use one of the following schemes to reduce childcare cost. Tax Free Childcare- get up to £2000 per child, Universal Credit- claim back up to 85% of costs and Tax Credits-claim back up to 70% of cost for



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working families. To see if you are eligible for other offers please check childcarechoice.gov.uk

Speech & Language

To support and improve children's outcomes through developing their speech and language skills at home, parents can follow Talk & Play Every Day parents' guide link below from Evelina London

<https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/resources/patient-information/community-slt-language-guide-1yr-2yr.pdf>

<https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/resources/patient-information/community-slt-language-guide-2.pdf>

Weather



We have had children losing gloves. We ask parents to sew children's gloves on a string through both sleeve of jacket to keep them together to avoid losing.

Due to the weather conditions and children enjoying exploring the garden and the muddy areas outdoors we ask parent to bring children labelled wellies to enable them to play outdoor.

Giving/Receiving Feedback

We remind parents that face-to-face feedback @ the beginning and end of the day will be brief to enable staff to meet ratio in the room. General feedback of your child's day will be on

the App. However, if parents want to have a detailed discussion about their child, we kindly ask that you book an appointment with the manger or rooms leaders.

We also ask parent to be patient when collecting children at the end of the day, as staff need to get children ready and be mindful of ratio and to respect each other's privacy as it gets much crowded at the door.

Pyjamas & Onesie Fun Day



On Wednesday 23 February 2022, we will be having a Pyjamas and Onesie Fun Day raising money for Crackerjacks Children Trust. Children are to dress up in their Pyjamas or Onesies and donate £2 on the day. The money raised will go towards vital specialist disable equipment for disabled children.

Room/Room Transition

Children can only move to a new room if there is a place available. This means that sometimes a younger child may move before an older child if their registered sessions are available before the sessions of the older child. Management and Room Leaders will discuss room moves and agree which children will be moving to a new room after which parents will be informed.



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Important Dates

Half term 14th- 18th Feb 2022
Easter Bank holiday 15th April 2022–nursery closed
Bank holiday 18th April 2022 – Nursery closed
Staff Training 19th April- Nursery closed
Half Term 30th may -3rd June 2022
May bank holiday- 2nd may 2022 nursery closed
Staff Training- 16th Septemebr2022 Nursery closed

We are asking parents/carers for donations for the following: of old pots, pans, sieves, colanders, jugs, weighing Scales, plastic containers and other kitchen utensils for our Mud/outdoor kitchen.

Half Term

Next week Monday 14th February 2022 will be half term for all term time children. Children return on Monday 21st February 2022.

World Book Day Celebration



Children are to dress up in their favourite book character and bring a favourite book to share with their peers. Parents are encouraged to arrange with room leaders to organise a zoom story time and donate any unwanted books to build up our book areas.

Donations

