

Happy Nursery Days Newsletter: April/May 2022

We would like to welcome all our new parents and children to our Happy Nursery Days family. We hope you all had a pleasant Easter break.

Baby Room (Little chicks)



As its spring, baby room will be exploring various spring sensory activities such as hand/foot print, water play, gluing and sticking. We will also be exploring the outdoors to notice the signs of spring and, strengthen our physical development as well as a short walk to our local park.

Cheeky Ducklings (toddlers)



The children have been learning and observing the different changes during spring and how everything around us grow. They have been planting and caring about the plants (vegetables and herbs) and watching them grow. They took different pictures, which will be shared on the app for parents to see. Over the coming weeks they will be learning about the minibeast, reading stories and exploring the garden looking.

Clever Swans (Preschool)



Our pre-schoolers will be exploring all things music. This will help their body and mind to work together; it will also help them to learn about sounds and meaning to words.

This will also help to build their fine and gross motor skills while allowing them to practice self-expression. They will have an opportunity to try various musical instruments.

We congratulate all our preschool leavers for getting the Primary school of their choices. They will be leaving us at the end of the summer term for big school. There will be a Graduation Ceremony for them on the 13th July 2022.

COVID19: Keeping Safe @ HND

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

The Current NHS guidance states that symptoms of Covid-19 can include a high temperature or shivering (chills) feeling tired or exhausted, cough, and loss of taste and smell, blocked or runny nose, diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick.

We ask that anyone who develops any of these symptoms should stay at home and only return to nursery when they are well enough to attend.

We will continue with our rigours infection control measures such as regular hand washing (practitioner and children). Cleaning and disinfecting regularly, touched objects, resources and surfaces more often than usual, personal protective equipment (PPE) such as aprons, gloves are used as necessary, and any items that meet mouths such as cups, bottles are not shared. We will also ensure the rooms are very well ventilated and that a comfortable environment is maintained.



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Sickness/Illnesses

To continue to promote the good health of all children and staff 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, 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.

We have had a few cases of Chicken pox in the nursery. We will like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the procedure of when to keep your child at home and when is appropriate to send back to nursery, should your child developed the symptoms.

Chicken pox is a mild and common childhood illness which is very contagious. The person is contagious the first two days before the spot appears. Therefore is important if your chid have chicken pox to keep them at home while they are contagious at least five days until all the spots are crusted over. If we suspect a child, have chicken pox at nursery parent will be contacted and ask to collect them. We appreciate your understanding on this.

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 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

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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.

Queen Platinum Jubilee Celebration



For the Queen's Platinum Celebration we will be celebrating all things British, doing various activities in the nursery and will be hosting a 'TEA PARTY' for all children on the 1st of June 2022.



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Children can dress up as Queens and Kings, Princess and Prince. Children who do not attend on this day can all join the festive day. Parents will be informed of the time and we will be asking for kind donation towards this festivity.

Important Dates

Bank holiday $2^{\rm ND}$ May 2022 -nursery closed Spring Bank holiday $2^{\rm nd}$ May 2022, Nursery closed

Half Term 30th may -3rd June 2022 Spring Bank holiday - 2nd June 2022, Nursery closed

Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday 3rd of June - nursery closed

Staff Training- 16th September 2022 Nursery closed.

Donations

We are asking parents/carers for donations for the following items in good conditions for our role-play area, old bags, summer hats, sunglasses, old telephone handset, flip-flops, wellies and umbrella.