



# Happy Nursery Days Newsletter

## June /July 2022

This is our last newsletter for the summer term and the last day for term time children will be **Friday 22 July 2022**. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to all parents for your understanding and your unwavering support over the term. We wish you all a lovely summer break.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration @HND

We like to thank all the parents who donated snacks and cakes for the celebration. It was lovely to see all the children dressed up for the day. As you can see in the pictures below, it was a joyous occasion.



### Summer Pay-As-You Go Play Scheme

We will be running a summer pay-as-go Play Scheme for our term time children and any child wanting to do extra sessions. This will be a pay as you go sessions. As staff will also be taking a long needed break, we ask parents to give us enough notice to be able to cover ratio. If you are interested, please speak to Caroline or Alma to book your places.



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### Nursery Fees

Nursery fees will be reviewed for September 2022 to cover the increasing cost of food, resources, heating and lighting. We will be contacting parents in due course.

We continue to remind parents, nursery fees are to be paid in advance at the beginning of the month if you are paying monthly and at the beginning of the week if you are paying weekly. We urge all parents to pay their fees on time as it helps with the smooth running of the nursery. Please speak to management if you have any questions. Invoices will be sent via email monthly or can be viewed on the FirstSteps App

### Safeguarding:

As part of our safeguarding policy, we encourage all parents to inform the nursery of any existing injuries from home. Parents will be asked to complete an existing injury form.

The nursery will also inform parents of any accidents that occurs in the nursery and ask parents to sign an accident form.

### Medication.

We remind parents that medication can only be given with parental consent. Medication form must be completed and

medication bottles must be clearly marked with the child's name and the dosage instructions, along with details of any medication given within the last 24hours. Children taking antibiotics must stay at home for the first 48 hours after the first dose before being accepted back to nursery.

### Funding:

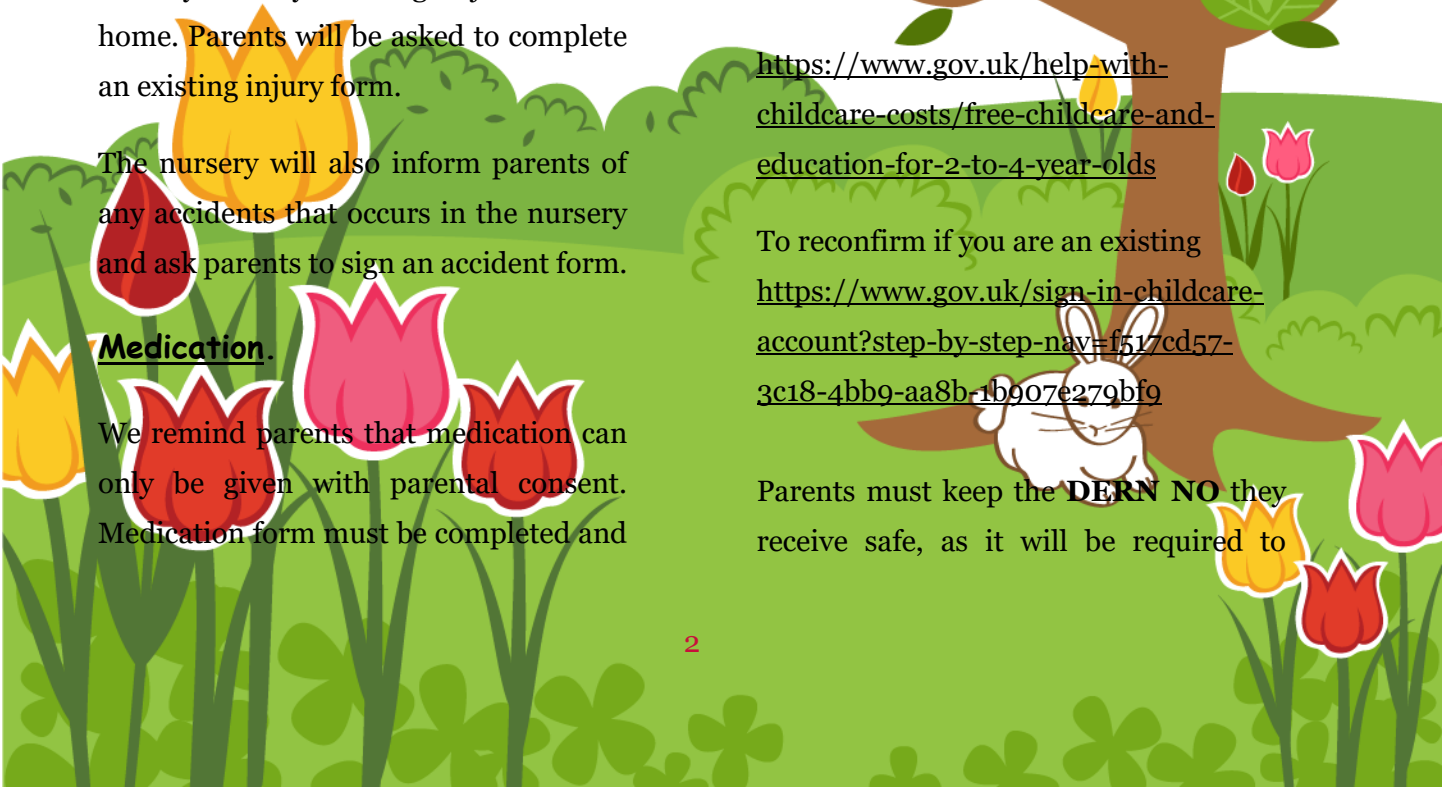
Please check if you are eligible for 15/ 30 hours funding. For children turning 2yrs eligibility for free childcare (15hours funding) can be checked from Lambeth or your local authority.

For 15hrs/30hrs for 3yr olds, please register or reconfirm your eligibility by 31 August 2022. Any registration after 31 August will mean waiting until January 2023 before you can claim the 30hours free childcare. This can be checked from the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

To reconfirm if you are an existing <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account?step-by-step-nav=f517cd57-3c18-4bb9-aa8b-1b907e279bf9>

Parents must keep the **DERN NO** they receive safe, as it will be required to







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complete the Parent declaration form for Lambeth, to receive the funding. As Lambeth, only pays for the funded hours, there is a £3.50 daily charge for meals.

### Parents Meeting

Key person/Parents meeting between **4<sup>th</sup> -15 July 2022**. Please book a 10-15mins time with your child's key person to discuss your child/children's end of year progress and to discuss any concerns you might have. We encourage all parents to attend this meeting.

### Graduation (Preschool)



There will be a Graduation ceremony for our Preschool leavers on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a £10 charge for hiring of the graduation gowns and laminated signed certificate. There will be limited numbers of families per child due to the size of the room and to limit infection control.

### 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](http://childcarechoice.gov.uk)**

### How to support your child's learning and development at home.

- Read stories daily to your child and use this as an opportunity to talk about the characters and events in the story. You could also discuss some of the details children have spotted in the pictures, such as the character's facial expressions.
- Have lots of conversations with your child throughout the day. Try to increase their vocabulary by using a wide range of vocabulary.
- Practice counting with your child and looking at small groups of items. Explore what happens to numbers when you put these small groups of items together, or split a larger group into two smaller groups.
- Support your child's early reading by practicing phonic skills, such as recognizing letter sounds and blending them together to read words. Also, support your child with their writing by checking they are forming their letters in



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the correct way and holding a pencil properly.

- Encourage your child to make healthy food and drink choices, especially related to sugar content and how this can affect teeth. Also, support your child to properly brush their teeth at least twice a day at home.

- Plan activities that allow your child to be active and develop their strength through large body movements as well as smaller, more precise movements.

### Late Collection:

Nursery closes at 6pm. Please arrive at least 10mins early for feedback. We ask parents to make alternative arrangements if they are unable to collect their child. Persist lateness will incur charges.

### Working in Partnership with Parent /careers and staff

Staff at Happy Nursery Days work very hard to provide care and learning for all children in our care. We also work in partnership with parents and careers to support and meet children needs. Please treat our staff with the same respect you would expect to receive.

### Sunny Weather

As the weather is getting warmer, we will be having lots of outdoor learning. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothes for the weather. Please apply sun cream before bringing them to nursery along with sun hats to wear out doors. Provide your children with extra clothing, as they will do messy activity.

### Nursery Photograph

Concept photography will be at the nursery on Wednesday **29<sup>th</sup> of June** 2022. This will mainly be for our preschoolers who will be graduating. Parents, who will like their child/children's photograph taken, should please speak to Alma, Caroline or staff in the room.

### Family Outing



We will be having our annual Family Fun Day @ **Brockwell Park on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July** 2022. This year the nursery will be open for children who attend on the day but it will be lovely for parents to join us on the day. Children who do not attend on that day can join us with their parents at the park from **10am to 1pm** for a fun day with lots of activities.

### Important Dates

22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>
Family fun day	<b>2022</b>
Last Day	<b>Friday 22<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
Term Time	<b>2022</b>
Term time children return	<b>September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021</b>
Staff Training/nursery closed	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>

