

# Parents Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



Asalam Alaikum / Greetings of peace to all Parents and Carers,

We pray you all had a lovely and peaceful summer break.

Welcome to all our new children and parents who will be joining us for the first time.

## Update Details

If your address, telephone number or email has changed since you first registered your child with us, please drop us a text with the updated details. If your child's key person has changed this term from previous terms, can you please ensure any health or medical information is relayed to the new key person.



## WhatsApp Broadcast

General information is communicated via the nursery broadcast group, please ensure you have saved the nursery mobile (07572545691) to your contacts. Newsletters are sent at the beginning of each term; it is your responsibility to ensure you have read all relevant information shared with you. When you contact nursery please call or text the mobile number instead of the landline number.



## Clothes

Can all parents please label their child's coats, lunch bag, clothes and the like so that we can ensure that everyone gets their child's belongings back safely. You can do this with a permanent marker by initialling your child's name on the tag in clothes or in the corner of a lunch box. If clothes are not labelled, the nursery cannot take responsibility for lost items. We understand the weather is continually changing and it can be difficult to select suitable clothing in the morning, therefore if you can put spare clothes/shoes in your child's bag, then staff/children will be able to change as and when it is needed. We thank you for your cooperation in this respect.



## WellComm Screening



At our nursery we aim to support all our children in reaching their full potential. We use lots of different activities, resources, and strategies to support each child's development. The nursery uses a communication screening programme 'WellComm' which was made by the Alder Hey Community Speech & Language Therapy Team. 'WellComm' is a screening and intervention toolkit that can be used to support **all** children's speech, language and communication development. All nurseries across the city use 'WellComm' to support the children in their setting. During handover times/settling in period, your child's key person will gather some information regarding your child's speech and language skills. This will give you the opportunity to tell us about what your child is doing at home and any concerns or worries you may have. Your child will then complete fun and enjoyable activities with a member of staff. This will help us to identify your child's strengths and any areas in which they may need some help. We will then work closely with you to support your child's progress by providing motivating activities and strategies that you can use at home, and we will carry out the same activities in the nursery. Studies have shown the children of parents who read to them, took them to the library, worked together with the educational setting and sang nursery rhymes with them were better prepared for learning regardless of the parents' educational background, income or social status with this in mind it is crucial we strengthen our parental partnership and work together to improve the outcomes of our children.

We will also work together in monitoring your child's progress. For more information on WellComm, please see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7vzc4wlccg>

<https://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/assessments/products/wellcomm/>

## EyLog Learning Journal



The nursery uses an app called EyLog for all observations, accident forms, medication. This is a valuable tool for communication and sharing of information about your child between you and the key person of your child. If you need support on how to use the app to upload photographs or videos, make comments on the observations, please do not hesitate to contact our administrator or manager.

Please share your child's interest with the key person so staff can incorporate this information into their planning of activities. Considering children's interest is a means of ensuring the children engage and participate with activities set out for them.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.  
From all the staff at Happy Children Nursery

**Dates for your Diary**

October Half Term Closure: 28<sup>th</sup> Oct-1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Parents Meetings- Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

Nursery Closed for Staff Training Day- 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Nursery Closed for Winter Term 23<sup>rd</sup> December, re-opening 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025