# Parents' Newsletter

#### Autumn Term 2



Asalam Alaikum / Hello to all Parents and Carers,

We pray you all had a lovely half term break.

All newsletters are sent via whatsapp at the beginning of each half term (if you don't have whatsapp please inform Saeeda). Please ensure that you have received and read the newsletter. If you have not received Newsletter every half term, please enquire about it. Copies will also be displayed in the entrance display cabinet and on our website.

### Parents' Evening

Establishing a partnership with our parents is vital to helping our children reach their full potential. There are large gaps between children entering school from lower income families/families who don't engage in their child's education and those from higher-earning/pro-active families. We want to close this gap so that our children are in no way disadvantaged, regardless of their parents' circumstances; we believe this can be done through a successful partnership between parents and the nursery. This year, due to Covid-19, our parents' evening will be different and held online so that we are able to stay safe but continue to work in partnership with our parents. Parents' evening will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please speak to your child's key person to book an appointment slot on the day allocated to that staff member.

#### **Collection for Food Bank**



This term's theme in the pre-school room is 'Charity', and, as before, the nursery will be donating non-perishable goods to a food Bank. This year we will be donating to 'The Seven well Food Bank' who have pledged to help eradicate poverty in the city. We would like children to collect non-perishable dry foods to donate to the food bank. We can get children involved with the idea of helping others by asking them to collect such items from extended family, neighbours and their parents' friends. Food can be dropped off in the large basket outside of the nursery entrance or handed directly to staff. The food will be distributed in the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Please note that a group photograph of children and staff may be taken during this period with the food bank and shared on facebook or other social media that is being used by the food bank. If you would like your child to opt out of this, please let the nursery manager know.

#### **Parents' Skills Wanted**

We are looking for parent volunteers who can bring their skills to share with our children such as: DIY (workshop with the children), paramedic with ambulance etc. If you would be interested in coming into the nursery or know anyone suitable, please speak to Saeeda.

### **Staffing Changes**

We were very sad to say goodbye to Haifa last term as she relocates to another country. Tasleem will be taking the Deputy Manager position and Tahsin will be the Room Leader (pre-school) and Safeguarding Officer in Saeeda's absence. Saeeda (Manager) will be dropping her days and will not be working on Mondays so any urgent enquires can be directed to Tasleem or left for the days Saeeda is at work. As Saeeda won't be in the office, please be mindful not to contact nursery via the landline as there will be no one to answer the telephone.

Fees Increase 2022

Since opening the nursery in 2013, our fees have remained unchanged. Staff at Happy Children Nursery have worked tirelessly to keep fees at an absolute minimum and affordable cost to all, but unfortunately due to rising costs, we have now reluctantly taken the decision to raise our fees by £2.00 a day from 1st January 2022. Fees will be further increased in September 2022 by another £2.00 a day. We thank you all for your support and understanding.

Please note that this change will not affect you if you are receiving a free childcare place.

#### **Pre-schoolers Going to Reception Sept 2022**

If your child is going to school in September 2022, please ensure that you apply for your child's place, this can be done online: liverpool.gov.uk/admissions

Please ensure that you apply before the closing date in January 2022. If you need any assistance in applying online, please ask your key person for support. There are information leaflets on the shelf above the comments box (to the left of the nursery office door), please help yourselves.

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

## **Dates for your Diary**

Parents' Evening - commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Nursery closed for staff training day - 5<sup>th</sup> January & 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Nursery closed for winter term - 23<sup>rd</sup> December, reopening 7th January 2022 Nursery closed for February half term - 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022