

Parents Newsletter

Autumn Term 2



Asalam Alaikum / Hello to all Parents and Carers,

The children all have settled in wonderfully and have been busy with many fun activities (please see photographs below for some of the activities covered). For the coming term:

Pre-school will cover: For the Islamic month of Rabi Al Awaal the children will learn about the story 'The Year of the Elephant', we will have a visitor coming in to speak about the prophetic character and traits e.g using miswak. We will be baking Barley bread, Pumpkin muffins, soup and we will be planting onions and daffodils.

Toddler will cover: Digging up our potatoes and carrots to make soup with the vegetables, learning leaf names and baking leaf biscuits, colour mixing to make autumn colours, story 'Year of the Elephant' with puppets.

Parents Evening

Establishing a partnership with our parents is vital to helping our children reach their full potential. There is a current 19-month gap between children entering school from lower income families and those from higher income 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. We mention this as each year less than 50% of our parents book an appointment at our parents evening. This means that a partnership of working together to improve our children's outcomes is not fully established. We hope this year will be different and that all our parents will take time out to learn how best to support their child's progress. Parents evening will be held on Friday 14th December 2018 between 4.15pm-6pm. Please book an appointment slot with your key person. Can we please emphasise that if your child is in nursery that day, you need to pick your child up promptly by 4pm as staff need time to get the nursery ready for parents evening.

EyLog/Whatsapp

We hope you are adjusting well to the new method of exchanging information about your child's learning. If anyone is still facing difficulty in using the apps or not receiving relevant information please let the manager know and she will arrange an appointment to help resolve any issues you may be facing. We would like to thank parents who have shared observations and replied with comments on the EyLog. We would appreciate if more parents can also reply with comments following on from the information the key person has sent you regarding supporting your child at home with their next steps. This will help strengthen the partnership of working together to help your child achieve their next steps (if you need support in this please speak to the manager).

Parent Practitioner Association (PPA)

Our 'Parent Practitioner Association' was initiated to offer parents an opportunity to meet with nursery staff over tea and cake to discuss and make suggestions on how to shape the future of the nursery. In the past with the help of the parents we have organised family fun days, Eid parties, EyLog training and workshops on preparing healthy packed lunches. In the last newsletter we asked parents for suggestions as to what they would like from our informal meetings; whether there was a specific workshop/training you would like us to deliver or event/activities you would like the nursery to hold/organise? A few parents have mentioned they are struggling in manoeuvring around the app and don't know how to send photographs and communicate on the EyLog, the nursery manager will be available to go over this on Wednesday 21st November from 2pm-4.30pm.

Labelling clothes

As winter is fast approaching us we would like to remind our parents to please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear and brings their coat. Can we also please ask all parents to label their child's coats, lunch bag, clothes and the like, so that we can ensure that everyone gets their child's belongings back. You can do this with a permanent marker by initialling your child's name on the tag on clothes or in the corner of a lunch box. If clothes are not labelled, the nursery cannot take responsibility for lost items. We thank you for your cooperation in this aspect.

Pre-schoolers who are going to Reception Sept 2019

If your child is going to school in September 2019 please ensure 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 15th January 2019. If you need any assistance in applying on-line please ask your key person for support.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

From all the staff at Happy Children Nursery

Dates for your Diary

Parents evening 14th December

Winter Term ends 20th December and reopens 8th January 2019

Staff training day 7th January (Nursery closed to children)

February half term 18th to 22nd Nursery closed

Doing some relaxing stretches and contemplation time



Preparing our world map and learning about different countries



On our nature walk



Montessori Time



Pre-school children worked collectively on building a masjid and used the hard hat as a dome



The children have made a bug hotel by using recycling tins, tubes ect.