

Parents Newsletter

Spring Term 2



Asalam Alaikum / Hello to all Parents and Carers,

GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Award

We would like our parents to let us know which staff member has 'Gone the Extra Mile (GEM)' to support you and your child. At the end of each nursery term we will count the GEM slips and the staff member with the majority of slips will be awarded a gift voucher of their choice. The slips will be placed on the Parents Board outside our entrance door. So if a staff member has 'Gone the Extra Mile', please take a slip, fill it out and post it into our comments and suggestions box that is outside the manager's office.

Late Pick Up

Can we please remind parents to pick up their children on time. It has become increasingly difficult to ensure we have enough staff in place for children arriving for the 1pm afternoon session due to late pick up of our morning session children. We ask that parents picking up their children at the end of the day are also prompt as many of our staff leave the setting at exactly 6pm and only a small team stays behind to oversee cleaning and setting up activities for the next day. May we remind parents that our 'Parent's Pack', given to you upon registration, states there is a £5 per five minutes charge for a late pick up of your child. We really do not like charging parents for this but have put the charge in place in order to deter parents from doing this on a regular basis.

Collection for Food Bank

This term's theme in the pre-school room is 'Charity' as in the past the nursery will be making a trip to a food bank. This year we will be dropping food at the Quilliam mosque who have pledged to work alongside 'The Fans of Liverpool and Everton' group 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 parent's friends. Food can be dropped off in the large basket outside of the nursery entrance or handed directly to staff. We will be delivering the collected items on the week commencing the 3rd of April 2017. Please note that a group photograph of the children and staff may be taken during our trip to the food-bank, such a photograph may appear on Quilliam mosque's web-site and in the local press, if you would like your children to opt out of this please let the nursery manager know.

Children's Learning Journeys

Every half term you will be given your child's Learning Journey (their green book). May we please remind parents to sign or make a comment on the back of their child's focused observation sheet before returning the book to your child's key person. This enables us to ensure that you are reading information about your child's development.

Children Transitioning from Toddler Room

We would like to remind parents of children moving from the Toddler room to the pre-school room that your child will no longer be using the 'to and fro book'. As children get older they are able to communicate to their parents about what they have been doing in nursery and so parents no longer need the books as a tool for communication.

Increased Fee

Due to national changes in legislation our running costs have increased, whilst we will shoulder some of these costs we will also have to unfortunately increase our fees from September 2017. We want to ensure parents have plenty of notice therefore we are informing everyone now. The price increase will be as follows;

Old Price	New Price
£34	£36
£36	£38
£20	£22
£18	£20

Please note: Happy Children Nursery is committed to keeping fees as low as possible, its fees remain one of the lowest in Liverpool.

Job Opportunities

Happy Children Nursery is now recruiting senior staff for our management team, please ask anyone who may be interested in applying for a position in the nursery to contact management on 0151 733 0333/ 07572545691

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

From all the staff at Happy Children Nursery

Dates for your Diary

Nursery Closed for Easter Break- starts 7th April 2017- ends 24th April

Nursery will be closed for bank holiday 29th May 2017.

Half Term- 29th May-2nd June 2017

All children receiving the 15 hours funded place (NEF) for 3-5 year olds or the 2 Year Funding will be off during this time. If you would like your child to continue attending the nursery over the half term break please see your child's Key Person or the Manager.