

# Parents' Newsletter

Spring Term 2



Asalam Alaikum / Hello to all Parents and Carers,

## **EasyPeasy programme (PPA meeting)**

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 and to strengthen parental involvement in their child's education. Studies have shown that 85% of a child's brain is developed by age 5, which is why it is very important that early years practitioners and parents work together to ensure play is meaningful and interaction has a positive impact. Home learning has a greater influence upon a child's development than the educational setting. It is therefore paramount that parents are equipped with the knowledge and skills to support their child. One of the key areas of development for a child is communication and language. Due to the importance of this area, the nursery is introducing the EasyPeasy programme. The EasyPeasy programme involves watching videos on a smartphone detailing games to conduct with children. Videos are sent every Saturday morning. You or any other family member can conduct these games any time during the respective week. As the games are sent via a video demonstration, there are no barriers such as accessibility, language, reading or time restrictions. All games have key objectives of teaching skills from the EYFS to support your child's learning and development. All parents will be added to the programme unless they decide to opt out (please see attached letter below for opting out and information about EasyPeasy). The programme will be launched on 9<sup>th</sup> March but Saeeda will be adding your information on the system by 6<sup>th</sup> March. Therefore, if you would like to opt out please inform the nursery before 6<sup>th</sup> March. At our next PPA on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 4pm-5pm, there will be a presentation on how the programme will run and a video will be demonstrated to show you the types of games you will be sent. If you are not able to attend the PPA but would like more information please contact Saeeda.

## **EyLog/Whatsapp**

We hope you are happy with the method of exchanging information about your child's learning. If you are still experiencing difficulty in using the apps or are not receiving relevant information, please let the manager know and she will arrange an appointment to help resolve any issues you are experiencing. 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.

### **Display Cabinet**

As you may have noticed, we have a new display cabinet which has information about staff, safeguarding, and important contact numbers for local services. We also place our newsletters in there. If you have misplaced the newsletter and would like to take a photo of the one in the cabinet, please feel free to do so. Our website is frequently updated with photographs of activities, events and newsletters if you need to catch up with things.

### **Clothes**

Can you please ensure that the clothes and shoes your child is wearing are suitable for their independence so your child is able to dress and undress themselves when going to the toilet or when taking shoes off/putting them on. We have noticed an increase in laced shoes that children cannot tie without adult help. This means they do not learn the vital skills of becoming independent before school. If you have trousers or socks, which your children have grown out of, and looking to give away, the nursery can take them as we are frequently short of these items.

### **Snack money**

There will be an increase of 10p (previously 50p now 60p) for snack money starting from September 2019. Please note this only applies to places being funded by the local authority (2, 3 year olds and 30 hours).

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

### **Dates for your Diary**

**PPA 4<sup>th</sup> March 4pm-5pm**

**Nursery Closed for Easter Break- starts 8<sup>th</sup> April- ends 23<sup>rd</sup> April (children in on 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are introducing an educational play programme called EasyPeasy this academic year (2019-2020). Below, we describe why we are using the programme and what is involved for you and your child.

Please read the information carefully and keep this sheet for future reference.

If you decide that you do **NOT** want to be involved in the programme, please sign and return the slip at the bottom to opt out. You are free to withdraw from the programme at any time by contacting us using the details at the end of this letter. **If you are happy to be involved, you do not have to do anything.**

### What is EasyPeasy?

EasyPeasy is a 20 week programme that sends you game ideas, tips, and facts on children's development via text messages straight to your mobile phone. Each week, you will receive a text message with a new game that you can play in any location with everyday items that you'll already have at home. EasyPeasy is designed to support learning through play!

### What is involved if I take part?

To take part, we need to share your name (your first name only will be displayed on the pod which other parents from your child's nursery will be able to see) and mobile phone number with EasyPeasy.

This is so they can add you to the programme and send you a weekly text message.

Your data will not be shared with anyone apart from EasyPeasy and will not be used for any other purpose than to deliver the EasyPeasy programme to you. Your data will be treated with strictest confidence by EasyPeasy in accordance with their privacy policy (<https://easypeasyapp.com/privacy-policy>) and the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### Contact for further information

If you have any questions about how your data is being used, you can contact EasyPeasy directly at: [hello@easypeasyapp.com](mailto:hello@easypeasyapp.com).

#### **EASYPEASY WITHDRAWAL SLIP**

**Please only sign and return this slip if you do NOT want to be included in the EasyPeasy programme  
If you are happy to be included, then you do not have to do anything.**

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I do NOT want my data to be used for the purposes of this programme.

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

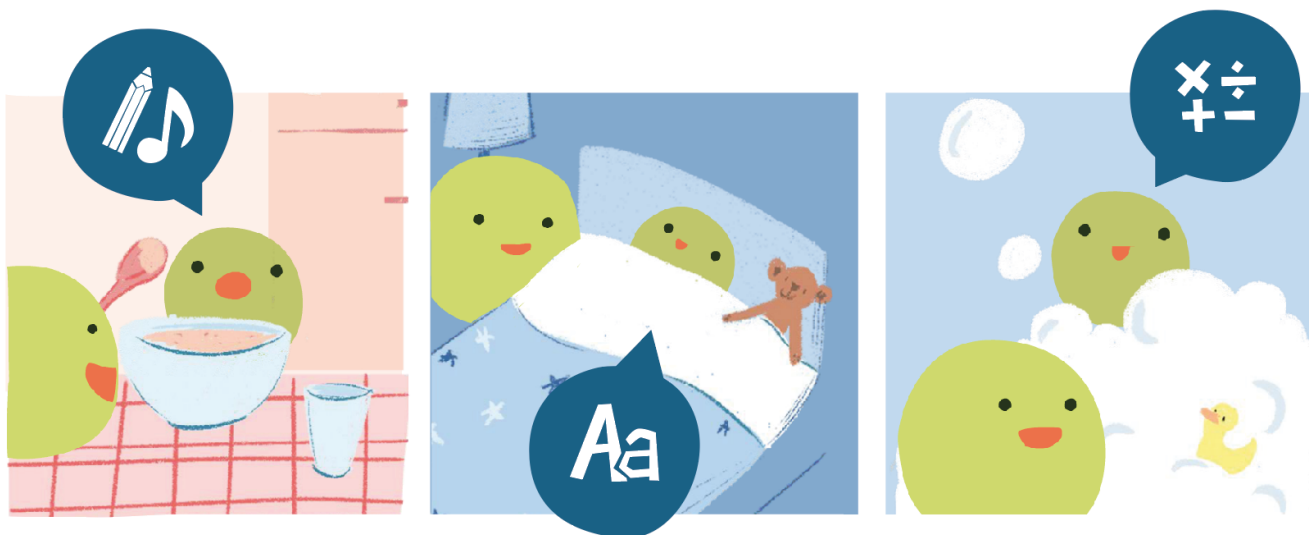
Parent/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed slips can be returned to a staff member or you can drop a text to the nursery mobile opting out.

Thank you very much for your time!



## Help your child develop the skills they will need for school, and beyond!

In the early years, children learn through playing and interacting with the people and environments around them. The more opportunities they have to communicate, interact, and experiment, the more they will thrive and develop important skills from speaking and listening, focusing attention and managing emotions, to building determination and confidence.

## Your 20 weeks of play will start when you receive your first free text message from EasyPeasy



### **Receive a text message with a link**

No need to download anything on your phone; It's EasyPeasy!



### **Learn how to play**

Watch the video and read the rules of the game on your mobile phone.



### **Get a new game every Saturday**

Play, practise and improve throughout the week!



### **Share your experience with us**

Write a comment to let us know how it went!