

Parents Newsletter

Summer Term 2



Asalam Alaikum / Hello to all Parents and Carers,

Eid Party

The nursery will be having an Eid party for all children on Friday 7th June 2019 from 11am-1pm. Children do not need to bring a packed lunch from home on this day. If your child is not registered to attend nursery on this day and you intend to bring your child for the party, please let your key person know by Wednesday 5th June as we need to ensure we have a sufficient number of staff supervising children for the party and also, as nursery is providing food, we need to ensure correct numbers for catering. Parents can wait in the café area if they would prefer to stay on site for the 2 hours whilst their child attends the party. Can we please ask parents to collect their children promptly from nursery as extra volunteers are only available for the party and will be leaving at 1pm. If any parents can help supervise children during the party, please contact Saeeda.

Parents Evening

Establishing a partnership with our parents is vital in 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 19th July 2019 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 nursery ready for the parents evening.

Sports Day

The nursery will be having a sports day on Wednesday 3rd July to which parents are invited to attend. The toddler room will be having theirs from 11am-12pm and the pre-school room will be having theirs from 1pm-2pm. If your child isn't in nursery that day, you are welcome to come and join us. If you will be coming, can you please inform your child's key person by 17th June. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you are free and can help, please let Saeeda know.

Snack money

There will be an increase of 10p (previously 50p now 60p) to snack money starting from September 2019. Please note this only applies to places being funded by the local authority.

Lost property

We have a large quantity of lost property items in the basket. Please take a look. Anything that isn't claimed by the end of the term will be given to the charity shop.

EasyPeasy/Questionnaire

We would like to thank parents who have shared comments from the games and returned the questionnaire sent with the previous newsletter. If you would like to share your experience of the activities you are doing, you can add photographs to the EyLog and this will allow opportunities for discussion with your child and their key person. We want to emphasise to our parents the importance of parental involvement with your child. Studies have proven that parents/carers are the primary educators of their children. Parental engagement in the educational and physical development especially in the early years of their children improves attainment more than any other single factor. Parents can help their child most by having regular and meaningful conversations, giving your child varied experiences to learn skills and build up resilience. If there are any suggestions on how we can improve parental partnership, please do let us know. Also if you have any feedback on the EasyPeasy programme that you would like to share, please do contact us.

Sponsored Walk

We are organising a sponsored walk for children to help raise money for Olive Mount. Please find attached a cover letter and sponsor form for more information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nicky.

Clothes

As weather has started to get hotter, can we please remind parents to bring sun hats for their children.

Arabic Madrassa

The nursery has an Arabic Madrassa for children aged 4 years. Teaching takes place over 2 days, with a choice of a Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30pm-6.30pm. If you would like a space for your child or know of other parents who would be interested, please e-mail for more information: arabicmadrassa@happychildrennursery.com

Dates for your Diary

Nursery closed for Eid day Wednesday 5th June (subject to moon sighting)

Children's Eid Party Friday 7th June: all children welcome 11am -1pm. No packed lunch needed for this day.

Community Eid party at the Yellow Sub-Friday 14th June 6.15pm-8.15pm-Ticketed

Sports Day- Wednesday 3rd July (Toddlers 11am-12pm and Pre-school 1pm-2pm)

Parents Evening- Friday 19th July 4.15pm