

Parents' Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - 2016



Aslaamu Alaikum to all Parents and Carers,

We pray Ramadan is a month filled with blessings for you and your families.

This terms themes in the Pre-school Room are Healthy Eating and Ramadan.

This terms themes in the toddler room are Ramadan and Our Bodies.

Parents Evening

Establishing a partnership with our parents is a vital ingredient 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 parent's background; we believe this can be done through a successful partnership between parents and the nursery. We mention this as each year less then 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 15th July 2016 between 6pm-9pm please book a slot with your key-person.

Parent Evaluation

Parents are the most important people in their children's lives, and their support for their children's leaning and development is crucial. Parent's views and voices in the development of our service as well as the evaluation of 'what works' is central to our work therefore may we please request all parents to complete the evaluation form given to you with this new letter and hand it back into the nursery, this will help us understand what is working and what is not, and ultimately how can we enhance the experiences of our children and their parents/ carers.

Eid Party

We have a large number of children leaving the nursery to go to school just after eid, so we have decided to delay our annual Eid party by a week and combine both the leavers party and Eid celebration, this will take place on Tuesday 19th July 2016.

Any children that are in for this day should come for their normal times, children that are not in for the day are welcome to join us from 12pm-2pm at no extra charge. If your child will be attending the Eid party please inform your child's key person no later than 4th July 2016 so that we can ensure we have sufficient staff in place.

Sun Lotion

As the weather is getting hotter can we ask parents/carers to bring in to nursery sun lotion and sun hats for their children. Can we remind parents with children wearing nappies to ensure there are sufficient nappies and wipes for their child at nursery.

Shoes / Shoe boxes and Milk Cartons

The pre-school room is collecting shoes and shoe boxes for their role play area. If you have any to donate please bring them into nursery, the latest date for collection is 17th June 2016. We are also collecting Milk cartons to build a recycled mosque by the end of Ramadan, if you have any empty cartons of milk please hand them in to the nursery when picking up or dropping your children.

Photography of family

Children in the toddler/baby room will be making a family scrap-book. If your child is in the toddler/baby room please bring in photographs of your child and members of their family.

'All about your child' board and 'Ideas' board

Parents/carers may have noticed our new 'All about your child' board and 'Ideas board' that are upon the nursery's main door. These are there to help us with effective planning that ties into children's interests as well as helping us converse with your child based upon their experiences. Thank you to all parents that have filled in something about their child, as a result over the last six weeks we have incorporated camping (with a real tent), the beach, and a gardening centre in our role play areas, and have planted wild flowers and done lots and lots of gardening. Over the next six weeks we are going to build bird feeders, set up a pet shop and a vets that takes care of horses. Please continue to help us plan effectively for your children by filling in both boards.

Nursery closed

Please make a note nursery will be closed for Eid 6th July 2016 (subject to moon sighting).

Happy Children Nursery

Dates for your Diary

Summer Holiday 22nd July – 6th September 2016

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.

Parents evening 15th July 2016 6pm-9pm

Nursery Eid/leavers Party- 19th July 2016 12am-2pm

Teacher Training Day: Nursery completely closed to all children 5th September 2016