



Smart start childcare Newsletter

September 2020



Autumn Term 2020

- We would like to welcome everyone to a fun filled Autumn term 2020.
- We hope you have all kept safe and well during these challenging times. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for continuing to work with us to ensure our setting is meeting the government guidelines and to ensure we are a Covid free setting.
- Please ensure you adhere to social distancing guidelines while at our setting and maintaining an appropriate distance at all times.
 - In line with the government guidelines and our Covid-19 policy, if your child has any symptoms of Covid-19 smart Start will ask that your child is tested and isolate if necessary.
 - We understand this may be a stressful time for both parents and children. We endeavour to continue to work with families to help settle your children into the nursery routines. Please speak to a member of management if you need any further guidance or support.
- We will be introducing staff and key workers over the next couple of weeks so please keep an eye out for more information.
- New starters will also be given log in details to the Tapestry app so parents/Carers can track their child's progress. Parents/Carers can also add photos from home to show us what they have been up to. You will receive an email alert when this has been set up.
- Please help us keep our children safe by driving 5mph on our drive and parking in designated parking bays.

whos' who?

Parveen & Neena - (Directors, DSL, First aiders)

Michele - Manager, DSL & First aider (Level 5)

Tas - Deputy Manager & SENCO, Tweenie room practitioner & First aider

Shareen - Acting Deputy, ENCO, Toddler room practitioner & First aider (Level 3)

Emily - Toddler room practitioner (Apprentice level 2)

Sonia - Preschool practitioner
(Level 2)

Jordan - Preschool practitioner & First aider
(Level 2)

Samina - Tweenie room practitioner
(Apprentice level 2)

Stacey - Level 6 practitioner & First aider

Julie - Preschool Practitioner
(Level 3)

Irine - Tweenies practitioner
(Level 2)

Ayesha - Baby room practitioner
(Level 3)

Ellie-May - Baby room practitioner
(Level 3)

Althea - Chef



Please ask to see our updated policies and procedures at reception

Term Dates

Start - 7th September 2020

October Half term – Monday 26th October till Friday 30th October

Term end – Thursday 10th December

Development day – Friday 11th December- Closed to funded children (15-minute slots with your child's key worker)

Christmas Eve- Close at 4pm

Please note we are closed for all bank holidays.

Don't Forget...

- Please remember to keep nursery updated with any changes to contact details.
- Please make sure your child's bag has enough appropriate clothing, nappies and wipes. Wellies and rain coats can be left at nursery if needed.
- Last serving for breakfast is 8.45 am. Children arriving after this time will be offered snack at 10am.
 - 30-hour code eligibility need to be rechecked every 3 months. Please look out an email reminder from HMRC.
 - Uniform is available to purchase at reception.

Special Events/Activities/News

Please dig deep and donate generously! We are holding a socially distanced Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 25th September. We will be selling coffee, tea and a selection of cakes. We will also hold a raffle for a cake. Please speak to Shareen for a raffle ticket. Please come along and show your support.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we will be unable to have a photographer come into the setting for festive photos. However, we are exploring other avenues and will keep you updated.

Currently due to Covid-19 we are unable to offer stay and play and after school club sessions.

Reminders

- A reminder to parents/carers. Please label your child's coats, bags and other possessions to ensure we can keep items safe.
- Please encourage your child not to bring toys into nursery. Nursery will not be responsible for missing or damaged toys.
- Hooped earrings are not allowed at the setting due to a health and safety risk. Management reserve the right to refuse entry if they deem necessary. Please ask for a copy of the health and safety policy for further information.
- If your child comes to nursery with an injury, please complete an injury form at reception.
- Can parents please notify nursery if your child is going to be absent as attendance is monitored as part of our safeguarding policy.
- A late charge of £1 per minute will be charged and payable by you if you are late collecting your child at the end of their booked session.
 - If your child is accessing a funded place please ensure meals are paid for in advance at reception. Cost are as follows:

Breakfast £1

Dinner £2

Tea £2

Snacks and water are included throughout the day.

All our meals are prepared fresh on site by our chef Althea.

