



## **NEWSLETTER 13th JULY 2017**

We've had a very busy half term – these last few days will be fun filled:

### **Tuesday 18th - Party**

Party time: The party is 10.00 – 11.30am. Everyone is welcome. The children can come dressed up if they want to. We plan to have a small amount of party food so if a few of you could bring in some nibbles that would be great – nothing fancy just a few crisps, cakes, biscuits etc.

**We finish at 12pm. There will be no lunch club or afternoon session on the last day.**

### **Goodbyes**

As usual at this time of year we have to say goodbye to our school leavers. So farewell to the two Harrys, Olivia, Poppy, Ellie, Toby, Hasan, Joshua, Ben, Barnaby, Rose, Alex, Sam J, Phoebe, Ainsley, Jools, Dante, Max, Basti, Charlie, Django, Darcy, Jessica, Arthur, Emilie, Max V, Max W, Usama. And farewell to Jonah who is moving on. We will miss you all and wish you well for the future.

Farewell also to Katie who, as you all know, is leaving to have a baby. We wish her much love, health and happiness.

### **Outstanding fees**

There have been lots of extra sessions taken this term. You should all have up to date invoices – if not let us know – so with just a few days to go could we ask that you pay outstanding balances asap. Many thanks.

### **Tapestry**

If you are leaving, your Tapestry file is now closed so you won't be getting any further updates. We will be giving you a copy of your child's file on USB and will then be deleting your child's account over the summer. This is not retrievable, so please can everyone check their USB's straight away to make sure everything is OK.

## **FOR SEPTEMBER**

### **Term dates**

Autumn term (14 weeks)

Monday 4th Sept – Friday 20th Oct

Monday 30th Oct – Friday 15th Dec

Spring and Summer dates will be confirmed in September when Surrey CC have told us what term dates are allowable for Free Entitlement.

When we return in September, early club, afternoon sessions and music will all run as normal from Monday 4th. Forest school will start the following week once the children are more settled.

### **Topics for September**

Over the summer we will be planning our activities for the children for next term. As far as possible, we like to focus on topics which are connected to things the children enjoy or to things which are relevant to them so we always welcome your ideas for topics.

The first two weeks of term will be all about getting to know the pre-school and each other. We will be exploring all the different areas of the pre-school - where we do art, science, numbers, role play etc and finding out where all the different toys are kept etc. We will then move onto "All about me" and making friends.

### **Send us a postcard**

It would be lovely if you could send us a postcard from your holidays or days out so we can chat to the children about them in September. Send them to:

Child's Play Pre-school  
Guildford United Reformed Church  
Guildford  
GU2 4BS

### **Afternoon sessions**

We have loved having the cricket coaches in this term on a Monday afternoon, and "Pyjama Drama" have been excellent as stand-ins for Rebecca. From September we hope to continue with both of these activities – probably during the afternoon sessions, but we will confirm in September if the logistics are possible.

As the afternoon sessions are now longer, we think the children will probably need an afternoon snack – something like rice cakes, crackers, cheese, etc. We will sort out where to put this in September.

We know a few of you have timing issues for our pick-up at 3.45pm on those days that you collect from St Nics at 3pm. We will trial a 3.15pm going home slot to accommodate this. But this will literally be a 5 minute slot at 3.15pm. You will need to let us know in advance if you will be picking your child up early so we can have them ready. There will be a reminder in the September Newsletter.

### **Active Adventures**

Unfortunately, Joanne is stopping all her children's classes and parties as of July so we won't have her usual Friday class, or the drama sessions, from September. We will miss her as she's been doing these classes for us for many years now. But everyone has to move with the times and we wish her all the best.

### **Free Early Education**

Those claiming the 15 hours universal entitlement in September will get all the necessary forms in the first week of term

Those who intend to claim the +15 hours (up to 30 hours in total), **MUST** have applied via the Government's website by **31 August**. If you are eligible you will be given a code; I will have to give you a form in order for you to give me permission to check this code with Surrey CC (which I must do). If you do not get this code by 31 August you will not be able to claim the additional 15 hours until January. I am aware of some problems with the website which a couple of you are having, but I have had very few codes in so far. The website to use is:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

### **For new starters**

We will be issuing a detailed newsletter in the first week of term with lots of information. But here are a couple of key points:

- Doors will open at 8.50 on the Monday morning (or 8.30 if you are booked for early).
- Please bring a named water bottle; a piece of fruit for morning snack time, a packed lunch and an afternoon snack if you are staying all day.
- Please name all of your children's clothes and belongings – including shoes.
- Please don't bring toys/cuddly toys from home as they easily get lost or damaged.
- Please bring a change of clothes in case of "accidents" which you can leave on the changing rail.

If you have any questions over the holidays please email us. If we are away it may take a few days to get a reply, but we will get back to you.

### **Tapestry**

Some of you have not yet returned your Tapestry permission forms. If you can get these to us before the end of term that would be great, otherwise either email it over the summer or bring it on your first day so we can get you set up.

### **Twitter**

New parents can follow us on Twitter – just go to the website and click the link. The more parents we have signed up to it, the more useful it will be.

Have a lovely summer everyone.

### **Thea and Susan**