



Newsletter
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Welcome

Welcome to the North Leeds Community Nursery Newsletter. In this edition you can read about recent events and up and coming activities.

Session availability and changing sessions

This year and next year the Rainbow Room will have very limited sessions, therefore anybody that is expecting or has recently had a baby, that would like to reserve a place and has not yet handed in a waiting list form please do so, as we cannot guarantee to offer you a place. The Sunshine Room is also now becoming full particularly on Tuesday's Wednesday's and Thursday's.

Over the past year we have had many parents changing their children's sessions. While we are more than happy to accommodate these changes to support families needs we need to point out that changing sessions creates a lot of administration work for both the Manager and Senior Nursery Nurses. New fee letters need to be created along with updating the sessions on various systems and the senior staff also need to change the registers for the length of time your children will be with us. So for a child changing sessions at 2 years of age the senior nursery nurse has to change the registers for every month until they leave for school. Because of this increase in administration we will now be adding a £15 charge for any session changes.

Please also note that when your child becomes eligible for the additional 15 hours you may not automatically be able to increase your hours this is purely dependant on what sessions we have available.

Reading Scheme

Please do keep using the reading scheme. The scheme is there for ALL children to access. Many families are relying on tablets and technology to keep children entertained and reading of books, magazines, comics etc is becoming less popular. By using our reading scheme it is helping the children be school ready as they will need to read books every day.

Room activity updates.

The Rainbow room have been having lots of fun over the last few weeks in the Holiday role play area. Now that the summer term is coming to an end a focus will be placed on making friendships and supporting children whose friends have left for school. This is a strange time for the children as it is hard for the ones who are not going to school to understand why they won't see their friends at nursery anymore, so please do be aware that your child may struggle over the next few weeks with their emotions through this new transition. The children have also been enjoying the new extended reading and chill out area with the addition of a new soft carpet. The heuristic area has also been extended as this is a very popular area.

The Sunshine children have been enjoying using their senses and just getting messy! They have experienced the sight, smell, taste and touch of citrus fruits in water. Wall painting and frozen balloons. They have enjoyed watching the ice melt in the heat and in water. The Sunshine children have also been exploring the new mud kitchen.

To see what the children have been doing throughout their time at nursery please remember to look in your child's profiles and 'like' us on Facebook as we put regular updates on there.

Picnic

The nursery picnic has been rescheduled for the 8th September 12.30 onwards@ Kirkstall Abbey (Weather Permitting)

Kirkstall Festival.

Thank you to all those that helped out on the day. It was a great success and all the buns and cakes sold. We made £128. We were a little apprehensive about how successful the day would be as we were in a different position to where we normally are but this seemed to work really well.

Parental Reminders

Please remember NOT to let in other parents in that may be behind you when entering. This is to safeguard all our children. Each family must buzz in separately. Thank you

Could you also please discourage older siblings from opening the doors into either the Rainbow or Sunshine rooms. The doors are very heavy and could hurt children who may be behind the door or your own child could trap their fingers. There is also the risk of children getting out of the room if a parent is not present.

Gardening

Thank you to Rachel who has been doing a little bit of gardening for us while Shelagh is having a rest. One of the planters has collapsed in the garden if you could help to fix it or know of somebody that could help it would be greatly appreciated. Have you noticed the figs growing on the tree as you enter the garden on your left?

Tempest photography

The photographer is booked in to take pictures of your children on Monday 17th September. We will keep sending reminders for this day as it gets nearer.

Pigeon holes

Please check your pigeon holes regularly. We put important information in here and parents use these to place party invites in.

Staffing Changes

Congratulations to Alexandra and family who are expecting their third child in January. We are currently in the process of recruiting two apprentices to help cover Maternity leave in both rooms .

We will be posting this on Facebook this week please do share the post to ensure we get maximum advertising to be able to recruit the right people for the two positions

40th Nursery Birthday Celebration

It will be the nurseries 40th birthday celebration next year. We would like to celebrate with a big party for past, present, and future parents. We would like to set up a subcommittee to plan the big day. Please see Elaine if you would be interested in joining this.

October fee increase

The annual nursery fee increase will be in October. A letter will be given out next week with the new fee amount.

AGM

The AGM (Annual General Meeting) is scheduled for the 12th September. More information on this will be sent out nearer the time.

Upcoming events & Dates for your diary

- Monday 27th August Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
- Monday 3rd September FEEE Funding commences.
- Saturday 8th September Nursery Picnic @ Kirkstall Abbey.
- Wednesday 12th September AGM @ 6.15pm