



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.

WE ARE GOING DIGITAL!!

The nursery has started to use an online learning journal to record and track your child's development. We have not launched this yet to parents as we are just ensuring the system runs smoothly before sending each parent a log in.

'Family' will be rolled out at the beginning of November. A more in depth letter will be sent to each parent letting you know the benefits and the uses of the system.

FEEE Funding

Please ensure that those parents accessing the 30 hours for January have registered with HMRC. Please go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to see if you are eligible for the additional funding. Please also ensure you update your information on the HMRC website every three months to continue receiving the funding throughout each term. You should receive an email from HMRC asking you to update your details to continue getting the funding. Please note that even though you maybe entitled to extra childcare through the funding we may not be able to accommodate this due to being at full capacity.

FEE increase

There will be a fee increase implemented in November. Please look out for a revised fee letter next week to amend any standing orders etc. The increase this year is a little later than usual as this is usually implemented in October.

Opening and closing times

May we remind parents of the nurseries opening and closing times. The nursery opens at **7.45am** and closes at **6.15pm**. The morning session ends at **1.00pm**. The nursery does impose a fine of **£15** for every time you are late collecting your child.

Reading Scheme

Do keep using the reading scheme with your child to encourage their interests in books.

Please could you check at home if you have any books that need returning as we don't seem to have many left.

Room activity updates.

The Rainbow room this week had a surprise baby shower for Minal which consisted of pin the dummy on the baby, baby bingo, a selfie station and a dummy piñata and party food for lunch.

For the rest of the time the Rainbow children are enjoying looking at the differences in the colors of the leaves and engaging in some Autumn activities.

The role play area has been turned into the home corner where children can participate in looking after the babies and doing chores in the home.

The Sunshine room are also enjoying the season changes and Autumn colours and smells have been incorporated into the areas of provision. Leaves have been placed in the water tray, along with spices in the play dough and seasonal vegetables have been introduced in the kitchen area.

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

AGM

Thank you to those parents who came to the AGM it was nice to see some familiar parents and new parents.

The financial report was presented at the meeting which showed the nursery made a profit of £41,000. Which is fantastic given that over the last few years the nursery has made a loss.

The committee members for 19 - 20 that represent the nursery are :-

Chair person - Simon Campbell-Skelling
Treasurer - Nick Mcloughlin
Secretary - Robert Shaw
Trustees- Victoria Eustace, Claire Eatough, Sarah Frost

Go Fund Me

We now have a 'Go Fund Me' page which can be found on www.gofundme.com/north039s-campaign-for-north-leeds-community-nursery. This year we really need to focus on developing the back outdoor area with new flooring and apparatus. Please pass on our 'Go Fund Me' details to people / businesses / investors who you think may like to support our project.

Session changes

From January 2020 we have decided to no longer offer the option of doing term time only. This is only taken up by parents that are accessing the funding. However this session pattern is detrimental to the nursery as we have 13 weeks that are not paid for by parents accessing this. Therefore any new parents who are in receipt of the funding from January 2020 will need to enrol their children in all year round and stretch their hours to cover the year.

Term time only will be honoured to those parents who already access this as their children will leave in July 2020.

Staffing Updates

Minal has now started her maternity leave. She is hoping to return in June. We wish Minal and Niraj lots of luck on the safe arrival of their first baby. To cover Minal's Maternity leave Danielle has moved through from the Sunshine room.

Catriona has decided she would like to spend more time with her children at home and has therefore handed in her notice. Catriona's last day will be the 7th November. We wish her well with her new family life. However this is not goodbye forever as Catriona would like to stay on as bank staff to cover holidays etc.

Safeguarding

Please remember not to allow other parents in the building with you even if you know them. Parents need to buzz one at a time so the staff can monitor who is entering the building.

WELLY SWAP WEEK

Do you have wellies that no longer fit your child?

Why not bring them to the nursery and see if you can swap them for another pair that another child has grown out of? Look out for a leaflet this week in your pigeon hole for more information.

Upcoming events & Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 16th October -Mcmillan coffee evening 7.00pm onwards
- W/c Monday 28th October and W/C Monday 4th November NO fee funding available therefore children who attend term time only will not attend for two weeks
- Monday 25th November - Nursery CLOSED for staff training day.
- Saturday 14th December - Children's Christmas party.