

'Keeping your child at the centre of all that we do.'

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Dear Parents old and new;

Welcome to the nursery, or welcome back. We made some post lockdown changes to the way children are able to attend and which room children are now in. The children have adapted to the changes quicker than some of the adults. Space room now has children who attend for a morning or an afternoon session; Moonlight room has children who attend for two and a half days or children who will start 30 hours after Christmas; Star room has children who attend for 30 hours.

We have over 60 children starting this term and some may take longer to settle than others. Please understand that we will work with how your child is settling, that will be different for every child.

If you have any questions please contact us; visit the office; phone; or email. We will do our best to answer them.

Our session times

AM 9am - 11.45/12.00 finish.

(all children to be collected by 12.00 as lunches are eaten at that time.)

PM 12.15 - 3/3.15 finish

(all children to be collected by 3.15 as staff need to use the time to clean and plan for the next day.)

Full time children 9am - 3pm finish

As many parents and carers who have had other children at this school will know. We have a '**No mobile phone**' on this site. We ask that the mobile phones are placed in pockets or bags until you are back out on to the road. There are two reasons for this. We know that images of children are taken in school and posted to the internet without parental consent. There was a case in another area of a child being abused whilst it was live streamed. In this school the cloakrooms are in or near the toilets. We have a duty to protect **your** child, we do this by banning mobile phones. It is also a really nice time to be able to talk to your child about what they might do or did do at school that day.

Thank you



Stay and Play

We are pleased to announce that we will be re-starting our Saturday Stay and play sessions. The first one will be on the 11th November 10-11.30. There will be an opportunity to talk to Gill about applying for reception places. We will also have laptops available if you want to make an application. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

ParentPay - our online payment service

We will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school. During the next few weeks we will be sending out information for how you can activate the service. Please contact us if you have any problems after you have received the letter. Until then you are able to pay cash in the office.

School Fund Contribution

Each half term we ask for school fund which helps us to buy the little things that we are unable to get from our budget. It pays for all the photos that we put in your child's profile, for the snacks that we give the children each day. We spend over £50 a week on fruit and snacks but we will not be able to continue to do this without your generosity.

Moving forward we will remind you about school fund through 'parent pay'. It is a voluntary contribution though and we are always grateful for the money we get.

As many of our returning parents know, I was due to have a hip replacement in June, which was 'postponed'. Having now welcomed our new intake of children to the school, I will be having a break after the October half term holiday. Sophia (the assistant head in Star room), will be covering in my absence and a teacher will be in Star room working with the regular team.

Gill

I have attached a flier for some resources that would be really useful to us at any time of year, but especially in the Autumn term.

As always thank you for taking the time to read this.

Gill & all the staff

If your circumstances have changed and you might now be entitled to free school meals, then please contact us.

We are happy to try and support you with any application.

If you are struggling to cope, then please contact us. We can link you to the right places for support. Gill can also give Food bank vouchers which we know some families have found helpful.