

"We will work in partnership to continue to build the unique foundations
for your child's learning"

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

July 2024

This is the last newsletter of the year, some of you will return in September, but many of you will be moving on to reception and starting at a new school. We also have two members of our staff leaving us Michelle L. and Emily. Michelle has worked at the school for the last 8 years, the last two she has been an advocate for all the children with additional needs and their families. Emily just been with us under a year covering long term absence, she has been an integral part of the teaching staff. We will miss them very much.

Dates for your Diary

22nd July Teddy Bears Picnic – children can bring their teddies to a picnic that they will have helped to make. The time will be 10.30am for the morning children and 2.15pm for the afternoon children. We will also be giving out reports that day.

23rd July Last day of term – for the children (finishing at normal time)

9th September – children who are staying, returning that day

September

Children returning in September may be returning to new classrooms and working with new adults. We will write to you to let you know which class they will be in and who the adults will be. We have made changes to the hours for part time children. Most will be attending in the morning from 9am until 11:45am/12pm.

We have a vacancy for a parent Governor, if your child will still be here in September and you are able to spare a few hours to support us please come and speak to the office team if interested,

Teddy Bear's Picnic

We would like to invite you to the Teddy bear's Picnic on 22nd July. The children will make the picnic food and will only need to bring their Teddy Bear. However, it would really help us if you are able to give a donation towards buying the food. You can donate through ParentPay.

Tapestry; we would like to thank you for your positive feedback about tapestry and for the many posts that you have added to the children's profiles. If you would like us to print out the profile, we ask for a £10 contribution or a USB key still in the packaging. (You can also download the profile yourself if you choose to.) If we know that your new school uses Tapestry then we will ask them if they would like the profile transferred. Otherwise, the information is deleted about 3 months after your child leaves the school. (GDPR requirements)

With the long summer holidays approaching, a reminder about screen time can be helpful. There may well be occasions when your child needs to use your phone or watch TV, but it can be surprising how little time is recommended before it can start to have a negative impact on your child's development. (Screen time is any screen – TV; tablet; computer; phone.)

Screen time recommendations by age.		
Age Group	Amount of screen time	Type of screen time
Babies (0-18months)	No screen time	Only video chatting is allowed
Toddlers (18-24 months)	1 hour or less per day.	Educational content only is recommended.
Children (2 -5 years)	1 hour or less per week day and 3 hours per weekend day.	Educational and interactive content is preferred, but non-educational content is allowed
Children (6-15 years)	Less than 2 hours	Recreational content is allowed, but healthy habits should also be encouraged.
Source; American Academy of child & Adolescent Psychiatry		

Children who are returning to this school return on Monday 9th September, as we will be having INSET and doing home visits for the new children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your good wishes and kind words during the last year. I am so much better and look forward to a full return in September. I would not have been able to do this without Sophia and all the staff stepping up and giving to you all their maximum, to make sure that the children all continue to make the amazing progress they are known for. Thank you.

See you all at the Teddy Bear's picnic. ☺

Gill, Sophia and all the staff