



Little Dragons Newsletter, June 2022.

Dear Parents and Carers.

We hope you have been enjoying the better weather we have been having. Thank you to everyone who have returned their sun cream slips. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please also ensure you send your child in with a named sun hat every day. Many people find it easier to have a named hat they leave at nursery for their child over the summer, we are happy to store the hats here.

Sue has worked on the nursery summer menus; these are now on the website and the children are enjoying the meals.

A huge thank you to a Blue room parent who kindly brought in a roll of turf for our 4 guinea pigs. They are loving having some grass to graze on. If you would like to come and see Olive, Ivy, Sweetie and Caramel, they are in the Blue room free flow area, the staff will happily show you. They are exceptionally greedy so if you have any greens you would like to donate, I'm sure they would be thrilled.

As you are aware, we are still trying to recruit experienced nursery staff. Our adverts are on the NHS Jobs website. If you know anyone who is looking to embark on a Traineeship in childcare NVQ's, or already have a qualification in this area and are looking for work, please pass on our details.

We have a busy time with our preschool children over the next month or so. They are preparing to move on to school in September and we have had a number of visits from their reception teachers to help support their transition into primary school.

We will be having ECP Photographers in on the 29th June for the Nursery leavers to have 'Graduation' photos taken. If you have a child here moving on to school in September and they don't attend on a Wednesday, please do pop in for a photo - ECP will be here from 9 to 10:30.

Our leavers ceremony and celebration party is on 20th July – Individual invites for this will be coming out to you soon.

Parent meetings will be in early July and the booking forms will be displayed on your child's room door soon.

Thank you for continuing to queue to collect your children from nursery at the end of their day. We will be carrying on with this for the time being. We can see that not having parents into the nursery at pick up time makes it easier for the children whose parents haven't arrived yet. Prior to the pandemic, this time of day was always tricky to manage with many children upset because it wasn't their parent coming to get them yet. Currently children continue to play and explore happily until they are collected.

There has been a greater trend for parents to just exceed the maximum of 10 hours their children are at nursery for. The nursery day is a very busy one, with children engaged in play and activity for many hours, with some young children doing the maximum time they can be at nursery, which is 50 hours a week. Late collections past your child's 10 hour stay will be charged at £1 per minute and continued lateness may result in your nursery place being terminated.

We open at 07:30 and not before. If you require a more in-depth feedback, remember we shut at 18:00 so please arrive a little before then.

Carpark - When you leave nursery, please supervise your children in the carpark and take them straight to your car to go home after you've received your feedback.

Recently there have been some near misses with children running freely through the car park and riding their scooters/bikes across the car park into the blind corner of the entrance at busy times, this is a safety concern. Staff cars have had stones thrown at them, children have climbed the fire exit stairwell on the back of the offices, running up and down the fire exit at the side of the Green room and swinging on the metal bars. Please do not allow your children to do this. We encourage your children to use spaces and equipment appropriately and safely and need you to do the same to help keep them safe.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the nursery.

Kind regards.

Rebecca, Louise and the Dragon team.

The Guinea pig corner.



Sweetie and Caramel.



Ivy



Olive