



SEPTEMBER 15 NEWSLETTER

New term

I hope you all had a great summer holiday, welcome back to all the term time children. The weather is turning decidedly colder so please can we ask you all to send a coat in with your child as we do like to go outside to play as often as we can. We will be closed for 2 weeks at Christmas unless there is a significant demand for childcare over the Christmas holiday. If you would like childcare around Christmas, please let us know what you would like by Friday 23rd October and we will see what we can do.

Government funding.

There have been some problems arising with the stretched funding and Bank Holidays, resulting in families who do not use Mondays getting more funded sessions than those who do. When we looked into it and how this can be resolved, we realised that we have been giving you all too many sessions as the entitlement is only for 47.5 weeks a year not the 50 we have been giving. We have consulted other nursery providers about how they overcome this issue and they close for the whole of the Bank holiday weeks. As we already close for 2 weeks at Christmas we need to close for another 2.5, therefore we will close (for funded children only), the last week in August, 1 week at Easter (from Thursday to Wednesday so both Good Friday and Easter Monday are covered). The final half a week will be in May, those who do Mondays will have the 2 Bank holiday closures, those who do not will need to have the hours their child attends reduced that month, which can be discussed on an individual basis.

Dates for you diary

Monday 7th September First day of term

Monday 26th October –Friday 30th October HALF TERM

Friday 18th December Last day of term

Tuesday 5th January First day of term

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We are aware that we have not always managed to notify all of you sufficiently about important things like nursery closures, term dates, and other important things you need to know about. Therefore we have decided to use the method successfully used by many Schools of text alerts. We have been trialling this and hope it has been of use, please could you let us know if there is anything you other you would like us to be notifying you of by this method, like how much fees are owing for example and what number you would like us to use for this or if you would prefer not to be notified in this way.

We will of course still keep giving you information verbally and by letter/newsletter and I will post things on the new website (which is up and running now) and on our Face book and Twitter pages (if you like us on Face book or follow us on Twitter, you will be sent notifications every time we post anything).

Hot dinners

From September we have been providing meals for the children in with the fees. This consists of a nutritionally balanced home cooked midday meal, prepared in the nursery by our newly appointed cook and tea and breakfast for those children who are in at those times. We have prepared the menus for the next few weeks so please do have a look and inform us of anything your child does not like and we will provide alternatives. We would also welcome any feedback from you so we can improve the menus.

Nursery bags

We are now providing nursery bags for anyone who is interested. They contain: plimsolls, a tee-shirt, a jumper, a book bag (for pre-school children) and a water bottle. We are currently selling them for £20.00, you can of course still buy the items separately.



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September 2015 Price list

The new prices now include all meals that will be prepared on site and nutritionally balanced.

	Per	Cost	Sibling discount (25%)
Babies (3 months - 2 years)	Hour	£5.00	£3.75
	Full Day	£41.00	£30.75
Toddlers (2-3 years)	Hour	£4.75	£3.56
	Full Day	£40.00	£30.00
Pre-school (3-5 years)	Hour	£4.25	£3.19
	Full Day	£35.00	£26.25
Out of school (4-12 years)	Hour	£4.00	£3.00
	A/S 3 hrs	£11.00	£8.25
	Full Day	£33.00	£24.75