



Summer Term (1) Newsletter

May 2021

We hope you are all well and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, carers, and children for their continued support. We would also like to welcome our new families to Nursery, and we hope that your child enjoys their time with us.

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, we are still unable to have parents into the Nursery. To ensure we can share information with you, we post newsletters, home learning ideas, and general information on the "Documents Section" of Tapestry. If you are unable to access this, please speak to your child's keyworker and we can either email the information directly or provide paper copies.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As we move into warmer weather, please can we remind you of the following:

- Children must bring their own Sun Hat to Nursery.
- Children need Sun Cream on before nursery. For children that attend Nursery all day, please leave a bottle of Sun Cream at Nursery for us to reapply after lunch. Alternatively, we charge £2.00 to use Nursery Sun Cream which is Boots Soltan Kids 8 Hour Protect which staff will apply in the morning and top-up if necessary.
- May we ask that children wear suitable clothing and shoes e.g. flip flops are not suitable for outdoor play at Nursery.

End of Term dates for childcare accessing Government Funding (EYE or Free Twos)

For children attending Term Time only the final day of term is Wednesday 21st July 2021. If you wish to book any extra sessions in the Summer holiday, please speak to Jasmin or Danielle. The Summer Half Term is Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021. Term Dates for 2021/ 2022 are included in the last page of this newsletter.

Eco-School's Award

As part of our vision and aims for the Nursery, we are committed to achieving the Eco School Green Flag Award in 2022. The focus of the Award is to embed practices to support children's learning to ensure we empower our children to become environmentally aware. We will keep you updated with our progress.

NDNA Quality Counts update

Following on from our Spring Newsletter, our NDNA Quality Counts Portfolio is now fully submitted, and we are awaiting a date from the NDNA for our virtual "Quality Counts Accreditation" meeting over the coming weeks. We will keep you updated of the outcome!

Cambs and Peterborough “50 things to do before you are 5”

We regular post on the “Activities” section of Tapestry, ideas from the “50 things to do before you are 5” . Parents can also download the app from <https://cambspboro.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/cambridgeshire-peterborough-activities> for more ideas. Please post on your child’s Tapestry any activities you complete!

Forest School

We have reintroduced our Forest School sessions this term with Deborah who is a qualified Level 3 Forest School Leader and Caitlin - Level 2 Forest School Assistant. Sarah and Amanda will be completing their Level 3 Forest School Leaders qualification during May 2021. Please ask you keyworker for the sessions that will be available for your child. Nursery has purchased weatherproof all-in-one’s, trousers and jackets for every child in Nursery, but if you would like you child to wear their own weatherproof suit, please bring it into nursery in a named bag.

September 2021 – 15- & 30-Hour Government Funded Session

The Government “Early Education Funding Scheme” is open to all 3- and 4-year-olds (Universal Entitlement). Your child can access funding the term after their 3rd birthday, each term starts from either the 1st January (Spring term) 1st April (Summer term) or 1st September (Autumn term). Children can access up to 15 hours of free education per week - term time, or up to 11.4 hours per week all year. There are no earnings or work restrictions for your children to access this funding, it is offered to all children. Once funded sessions are accessed, a charge is made for all food that the nursery provide, however, your child can bring in a packed lunch if preferred. (allergy requirements will need to be followed)

We also offer limited places for children that are eligible for the “Extended Entitlement – an extra 15 hours of additional funding per week (30 hours funding in total)”. This entitlement requires certain criteria to be met, applications for the extended funding can be accessed on the Childcare Choices web site at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. Once registered a code will be generated which we require along with your national insurance number to register the code on the government portal, HMRC will send regular information direct to you to ensure your eligibility is kept up to date. Again, codes need to be registered prior to the start of the relevant funding term.

Please be aware that all funding is an hourly reduction and not a monitory value reduction. Charges will be made for those who wish to access more than 11.4/15 hours or 22.8/30 hours per week. For more information, please speak to Barrie for more information of how the funded is allocated.

To apply for 30 hours funded please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>.

If you already have your 30-hour funding code, please do not forget to update this code by the 31st August 2021 ready for the Autumn 2021 Term.

Nursery Contact details

Tel: 01945 586966 – 7am – 6.30pm Monday to Friday.

Out of Hours: 07825575225

Website: www.wisbechdaynursery.co.uk

COVID 19

Risk Assessment

On reviewing the Government Guidance, we have updated our COVID 19 Risk Assessment as follows:

- Staff will not be wearing masks working directly with the children but will continue in communal areas of the Nursery and when social distancing between adults is not able to be maintained.
- Staff will continue to wear face coverings when speaking to parents.
- Parents will continue to wear face coverings at drop-off and collection.

COVID Testing

To ensure we can continue to work effectively, can we please ask our families to inform us if your child has symptoms of COVID 19 and is being tested for COVID 19. Even if your child is not attending Nursery on that day, or if it is the weekend, please either email me at sarah.vick@wisbechdaynursery.co.uk or text Barrie Vick on 07775151116.

As business owners, Barrie and I are available seven days a week. Please do not hesitate to contact us out of Nursery hours to inform us if your child is showing signs of COVID 19 and is having a PCR test. We need to be aware of any testing taking place to ensure we have measures in place should the test return a positive result.

If your child has Covid 19 symptoms either at Home or Nursery, they will need to have a COVID 19 PCR test or self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of the symptoms.

Please be advised that if your child is showing Covid 19 symptoms a negative lateral flow test (LFT) will not be sufficient to allow your child to return to nursery.

For example, if your child has a high temperature on a Saturday 1st of the month you will need to either book at COVID 19 test and wait for the results (returning to Nursery if the test is Negative), or self-isolate until Monday 10th of the month. Your child can then return to the Nursery on Tuesday 11th. These guidelines are set out by the Government, we ask parents to adhere to this guide to keep us all safe.

A reminder of the symptoms of COVID 19:

** a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

** a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

** a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different from normal.

If your child or a member of the household has any of the symptoms of COVID-19, you should follow the NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

Wisbech Day Nursery School holiday and term dates

2021/2022 Academic Year

	Starts	Ends
Autumn term begins	Monday 6th September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
Autumn half-term holiday	Monday 25 October 2021	Friday 29 October 2021
Autumn term continues	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Christmas holiday	Monday 20 December 2021	Monday 3 January 2022
Spring term begins	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 11 February 2022
Spring half-term holiday	Monday 14 February 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
Spring term continues	Monday 21 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022
Easter holiday	Monday 4 April 2022	Monday 18 April 2022
Summer term begins	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Summer half-term holiday	Monday 30 May 2022	Friday 3 June 2022
Summer term continues	Monday 6 June 2022	Wednesday 20 July 2022

Non-funded Government days: 1, 2, 3 September 2021

21, 22 July 2022