



Childrens Learning Centre



SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

A New Term

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. We hope all the children have settled back into nursery and we would like to welcome any new children and their families to the Centre. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

30 Hours Eligibility Code

An important reminder: All parents who are claiming 15 hours must remember to revalidate online every 12 weeks, failure to do so will mean extra funding will be removed. Please keep track as the weeks go by very quickly.

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE – For those parents who do not use work vouchers, please remember you can access: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to get **£2 for every £8 childcare costs.**

EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM (EYPP)

Some families may be entitled to extra funding that we can use to help support your child's development and enhance our learning environment for your child, including any additional training for staff to benefit your child's development. If you are claiming any form of benefits, you may be entitled. When your child is funded, more information can be found on your grant form. Please speak to Jacky or Hayley if you think you are eligible.

Pick Up Times

A reminder to all parents of how important prompt pick up times are to us as a nursery, especially **11.55 am** and **3.55 pm**, as these determine staff breaks are completed on time to ensure ratios are maintained.

As I'm sure you are aware, especially on afternoon pick up times, we have more parents waiting and it may take a little longer to get your children out to you. Thank you for your patience. We would also appreciate that children who remain here until **5.55 pm** are also picked up on time allowing for feedback. As I'm sure you are aware, we shut at **6 pm** and our staff also finish at this time.

Nursery Objectives 2022

As our focus is on the EYFS

- To facilitate the new EYFS in our curriculum across all aspects of our nursery day.
- To monitor individual staff development and provide additional training, within the new EYFS.
- Working together with parents/carers to support their child's learning both at home and nursery across all areas of the EYFS. Please find a link to this on our home learning page on our website.

Reminders to Parents Labelling

Please can we remind you it is essential that all removable clothing, welly boots, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. are **labelled** clearly. As you can imagine so much valuable time can be wasted during our nursery day, searching for items. With this in mind we have a **labelling scheme**, which provides you with incredibly long-lasting labels that are easy to apply to clothing, bottles, lunch boxes etc. If you use this scheme, they will also provide the nursery with commission that we could use towards equipment. Please visit **MyNametags** on www.MyNametags.com and use our school ID 94949.

Term Dates for 2yrs 9mths until funded (if required)

Spring 2023

Start for all children: 3rd January
Half term – term time only: 13th – 17th February
Term time only end of term: 31st March

Summer 2023

Term time only: 17th April – 21st July
Full Time: 3rd April – 31st August
Half term – term time only: 29th May – 2nd June



Holly

Hopefully you are all fully aware that Lucie has moved on to her new job at St Richards and Amy from Mulberry has taken over as Holly's new Manager. Kirsty is now Holly Senior and will be helping to support Amy and the team. Any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Amy or Jacky. Please can we ask all parents that you **LABEL** all coats, hats, water bottles, shoes and boots, especially as children this age often have similar sized items and are unable to identify their own, between 2 or more of the same type.

During our garden time, we feel it is important for the Holly children, **including non-walkers**, to have **full access** to the grassed areas during the winter, therefore would ask that all children **bring named wellies and waterproofs** to Holly.

POTTY TRAINING – We are always available for help and advice about toilet training and are happy to guide you through the process before you start. Please do not hesitate to speak to Amy or Jacky.

Mulberry and Willow

A big welcome to our new children in both Mulberry and Willow.

We would like to congratulate the Willow children for an amazing performance in their Christmas concert. We have produced an amateur video of the concert and we will send it out to you through Vimeo soon. As Amy has now become Holly Manager, we would like to welcome Sandra as our new key person for blue group and Juile, who will be supporting her. They will work as a job share alongside Nicky and Jade in Mulberry. Any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Nicky or Jacky.

As Willow and Mulberry children are encouraged to be more independent at nursery, please could we ask that parents try and encourage their children to put their own shoes on at home (remember **no laces** please). All children will need **their own named welly boots**.

The **Tote Bags** given to each child **must go home every day** and be replenished with change of clothes as needed. Please could we ask that **you only use the tote bags provided**, as with more children now joining us, your bags from home are too big, sorry! **Our topics this term are:** Dinosaurs, space, healthy cooking, life cycles, spring on the farm.

Juice Free Nursery

Please do not add juice to your child's water bottle. Many thanks

Welly Boots and Outdoor Weather Gear



As I'm sure you are aware all children at the CLC have access to our outdoor area in all weathers. Please ensure they come to nursery with **appropriate outdoor clothing**, including **named welly boots**.

To ensure the pre-school children are given full opportunity to gain some independence in self-help skills, **please could all Willow and Mulberry children have footwear they themselves can easily put on and remove i.e., velcro or slip on's no laces or buckles please.**



Sun Cream

Although it may seem a little too soon, we would like to ask that when the time comes, if ever, for sun cream this year, it would be a great help, if you were able to purchase the **'all day' sun cream**. This refers to any sun cream that will last **6 hours** or more. These creams were freely available last year and priced much the same as ordinary sun cream. We thank you for your help and support.

Car Park

Please could we ask all parents to take **very special care** when driving into and out of the car park at any time of the day. Many thanks

April Fee Increase

As I am sure you are aware, the cost of living crisis affects us all. To help absorb some of the cost of the new 10% rise in living wage, our utility bills now in there thousands and all other increases in costs, we have had no choice but to put measures in place to help support this. As this affects us all, we did not want to have a large rise in fees straight away. Instead, we have opted to split it between April 2023 and September 2023, to help us all. We want to keep it as low as is practically possible and will be informing you of costs as soon as we can.