



Childrens Learning Centre



AUTUMN 2023 NEWSLETTER

A New Term

Welcome to the Autumn term and a special warm welcome to all our new children. We would like to thank you once again for your continued support. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Nursery Objectives 2023/24

As our focus is on the EYFS

- To facilitate the EYFS in our curriculum across all aspects of our nursery day.
- Working together with staff and parents to promote communication and language as the foundation for learning.

30 Hours Eligibility Code

An important reminder: All parents who are claiming 30 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. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

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.

NEW 2 YEAR OLD FUNDING

County have not yet informed us of funding rates for April 2024 and beyond. We will keep you informed as soon as we have more information.

Reminders to Parents Labelling

Please can we remind you it is essential that all removable clothing, sun hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. are **labelled** clearly. This year, yet again we took black bin liners full of clothing to charity shops. 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.



Photographer

We have the photographer booked to come in the afternoon of **Thursday 16th November**. Children attending their normal session that afternoon will have their photo taken. All other parents may return to have photos taken, siblings are welcome between 3.30 and 4.30, but no later.

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.



Holly

Welcome to all our new starters. As the Autumn begins, please may we ask that you **name all coats, jackets, jumpers, and hats.**

During our garden time, we feel it is important for all 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.

Savannah now works 4 days a week and is covering Amber while she is on maternity with her second little boy.

REMINDER TO HOLLY PARENTS – If hair grips must be worn then please could we ask that they are large ones, as some are a choking hazard. Thank you.

SUN CREAM – Please read our sun cream section.

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.

No Juice in water bottles please.

Mulberry and Willow

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

Warm welcome back to Kirsty after her maternity leave. She is our yellow key person in Willow and Katherine has now joined blue group in Mulberry.

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.**

Topics this term for both rooms are, All about us, Autumn and Autumn Festival, Cooking and Christmas.

Willow Christmas Concert will be held at Rowlands Castle Parish Hall on **Thursday 21st December**, and you will be invited to watch. More details to follow.

Redwood

We offer our after-school club with collection from St James's on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Contact the office for availability. Please can we remind all Redwood parents to contact us **before 3pm** if they do not need their child to be picked up that day.

Spaces

We have no spaces in Mulberry and Holly and limited space in Willow. For our Holly room, we are starting to book as far ahead as September 2024 and beyond.

Please contact us if you are considering extras sessions in Willow.



Water Bottles

Individual water bottles are essential, and we require every child to bring their own **named bottle each day.** You can find our labelling scheme on the first page. Can we remind all parents we are a juice free nursery. Please can you only put water in your child's bottle, thank you. **Please ensure you collect them daily and clean them thoroughly at home, many thanks.**



Sun Cream & Sun Hats

Although we are now in Autumn, we continue to have sunshine! We would ask that all children wear sun cream and bring a **named sun hat** on a sunny day, just in case! Children attending all day sessions must have the **'all day' sun cream** applied. 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. Children who are attending for a **single morning or afternoon must have sun cream applied before they arrive at nursery. We will assume your child already has sun cream applied before they come to nursery unless you tell us otherwise.**



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 **names appropriate outdoor clothing**, including **named welly boots**, (please remember our labelling scheme). 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 labelled footwear they themselves can easily put on and remove i.e., no laces.** Thank you

Car Park



It is vital that all parents take very special care when entering and driving around this area.

Please could all parents not allow their children to roam freely around the car park especially along the front of the building, as cars find it difficult to turn safely in this area. Please could you also not allow your children to play on the tree stump outside Holly. Thank you.

Requests

Our supply of card has now stopped, and we would please ask that any card, such as **flat** cereal boxes and similar card be donated if possible. **(No thick box card needed)**. Many thanks.

Parents Evening

We are planning to have our parents evening for Willow and Holly some time in November and will keep you posted once dates are confirmed.

Office

Hayley is available to help with enquiries Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9.00 am – 2.30 pm. If you have any office queries, please do not hesitate to contact her.

This newsletter will also be on our new website, if you have not already taken a look, please do so, www.clcemsworth.co.uk. We also have a few home learning ideas for you to use, just click the link. We will be adding new ideas throughout the year. For those who have given permission to display photos on our website, there is a lovely gallery (we will be updating this soon).

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

Autumn 2023

Term time only: 1st September – 15th December

Full Time: 1st September – 21st December

Half term – term time only: 23rd – 27th October

Spring 2024

Start for all children: 2nd January

Half term – term time only: 12th- 16th February

End of term – term time only: 28th March