

## **April 2021 - Newsletter**

Dear Parents

As we approach April and Easter (how has that come around so quickly?) we hope that we will have more spring sunshine and less of the April showers especially as the end is in sight for some of our restrictions. We will be celebrating Easter at nursery but we sadly are still unable to invite you in for a craft morning as we have done in the past.

### **Thank you**

Ian, Laura and Dan would like to thank everyone for their support, well-wishes, cards, donations and flowers over the past 4 weeks. As you can imagine it has been a very tough time but everyone's kindness has really helped to see some sunshine on even the darkest days. Your support and patience has been amazing and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

### **Learning Journey's**

We will be sending out your child's most recent assessment for you to have a look at. This will be accompanied by a questionnaire for you to complete so that you can pose questions to your child's keyworker about any element of nursery life. We really embrace your contribution to your child's learning and so please keep sending in emails with achievements from home and we will be giving out WOW slips for you to complete for us to add to your child's learning journey. Please make sure you sign and comment on the assessment before returning it to nursery.

Your child's learning journey is an ongoing assessment of what your child is doing while they are here at nursery and it is an invaluable tool for us to track your child's development. Your child's key person spends a lot of time and effort into making the learning journey a wonderful scrap book for you to keep so please treat it kindly and return back to nursery as soon as you have had a look through it so that we can continue to make these lovely observations, thank you.

### **French**

Charlotte our wonderful French teacher is returning after the Easter break which we are very excited about. So our pre-school children will once again be having their weekly sessions which they love.

### **Health & Safety**

Please can we remind you of the importance of closing and locking the gates to the gardens especially at Tidworth. This is for the safety of your children, thank you.

### **Photograph's**

After re-arranging for the 4<sup>th</sup> time we now have some dates for you for our children's photograph's to be taken. If your child is not normally at nursery on this day you may still bring them in for a photo and we will arrange a system to ensure that this is COVID friendly. Unfortunately this time there will be no sibling pictures unless both children attend the nursery. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed please let your child's room supervisor know.

Tidworth – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Perham Down – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

## **Holiday Club**

Our Easter Holiday Club which is run at The Cottage is really taking off and we have had more children register than ever before which is amazing news. It will be running from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April so if you know anyone who might need to use it then please get them to drop us an email for details.

We are happy to take forward bookings and already have children registered for the June half term break. Please keep an eye out for the confirmed Summer dates over the next few weeks.

## **School**

Please can we ask that once you know which school your child has been allocated that you let the staff in the pre-school room know. We will start the process of supporting those transitions into big school and hopefully we will be able to run an evening where you are able to come in to see how you too can support your child. It is a wonderful time for your child and you as a family and we are here to support you as much as we possibly can. Please discuss any of your fears or concerns, or hints and tips if you have done this emotional journey before with our staff or drop us an email on [poppies@poppiesdcn.com](mailto:poppies@poppiesdcn.com)

It is still early days but if you do know when your child will be leaving us then you can let us know via the above email address.

## **Funding**

\*\*Please keep this summary of your funding from Diane so that you can make reference to it throughout the term. Thank you\*\*

### **SUMMER TERM 2021 3-5 YR FUNDING FROM 01/04/21 TO 31/08/21**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FUNDED HOURS CAN ONLY BE USED ON CORE SESSIONS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9.00am – 5.00pm.**

#### **Term Time Only 15 Universal Hours Per Week or 30 Extended Hours Per Week**

Summer Term is from the 01/04/21 to the 31/08/21.

The maximum number of universal funded hours you are entitled to within the Summer Term is 195 universal hours, or 390 extended hours.

Term time funding is calculated over 13 weeks. From the 19.04.21 – 28.05.21 (6 weeks) either 90 universal hours apply or 180 extended hours. From the 07.06.21 – 23.07.21 (7 weeks) either 105 universal apply or 210 extended hours.

**Please note that FULL FEES WILL APPLY during the half term breaks which are: -**

**06.04.21 – 16.04.21, 01.06.21 – 04.06.21 and 26.07.21 – 31.08.21**

#### **Stretched Universal and extended funded hours over the whole term.**

If you have opted for stretched funding over the whole term from the 01/04/21 to the 31/08/21 then the maximum number of funded hours you will receive are either 195 universal hours or extended 390 hours. The maximum number of weeks are 22 which means that if you stretch the funding over the whole term you will receive approximately 9 universal funded hours per week or approximately 18 extended funded hours per week.

**Fee Increases**

Every year we must increase the fees in line with the NLW percentage applied in April. This year the increase is 2.2% so we will only increase the fees by the same percentage. In order to give you the required months' notice the increases will be implemented from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2021. A copy of the revised fee sheets is attached.