

May 2021

Tidworth & Perham Down Nurseries

We hope you enjoyed looking through your child's learning journey and reading their latest assessment. If you have not yet returned your learning journey back to nursery please could we ask that you do so that your child's key person can continue to assess your child's progress, thank you.

Health & Safety

We have a few health & safety items which we need to pop into this newsletter I am afraid.

If your child has a packed lunch could we please ask that you cut up their grapes, cherries, sausages etc lengthways as these are a potential choking hazard. We do support lunch times and the children are never left unattended but this would be really helpful and timesaving when we can have lots of children who potentially need to have this done. Thank you.

Please use the main nursery car parks for your drop off and collections. We have had some complaints from residents about parent's parking on the grass at Perham Down and we would like to keep on good terms with our neighbours so we would appreciate you utilising our car park thank you.

The gates at Perham Down are closed and locked at 9.15am. If you are going to arrive later than this please go to the main nursery front door where you will be greeted by a staff member. We ask you not to unlock the gates once they have been secured so that the team know the garden is a secure area for the children to explore.

COVID – can we remind you that it is still only 1 person to drop off and collect the children this is to keep everyone safe, masks still to be worn for now please and please socially distance while you are waiting to drop off or collect your child.

We are continuing to maintain our hygiene routines and as we start to return to, dare we say it "normal" we will maintain an air of caution as we move forward.

We are really hoping to hold our usual school leavers evening and sports days for the pre-school children this year after not being able to last year, but of course this all relies on any lockdowns or restrictions which may be in place at the time. Please see the dates for your diary below. It goes without saying that these dates are subject to change. Both events will be held outside and so we have to pray to the weather gods for some dry weather at the very least for either of them to take place. We will give you the finer details a little closer to the time.

Holiday Club

Our holiday club has gone from strength to strength and we will be running it for the half term week in June (1st – 4th) and then through the summer holiday from 26th July – 20th August. We wanted to give our existing customers first dibs on places before we put this out onto social media. If you would like any details of this then please drop us an email on poppies@poppiesdcn.com

Dates for your diary (all dates subject to change)

Photographer - 10th May, Tidworth and 14th May, Perham Down. We are hoping this will be 4th time lucky. If your child is not at nursery on this day you will still be able to bring them in for a photo but COVID rules will apply and unfortunately there will be no sibling pictures unless both children attend

the nursery. If you wish to do this you will need to book an appointment time as we will not be able to have lots of parents in the nursery as we usually would.

Leaving for school evening - 20th May which will be held outside so let's keep everything crossed for a sunny evening. This will either be held at The Cottage or at Perham Down

Sports days - 9th July @Perham Down & 15th July @Tidworth for Butterflies and Ladybirds

Ladybirds School Leavers Party– 23rd July at Perham Down – this is a party in nursery (no parents) to celebrate and say goodbye to all our pre-school children who will be leaving us for a new adventure at school.

Butterflies School Leavers Party – 22nd July at Tidworth – this is a party in nursery (no parents) to celebrate and say goodbye to all our pre-school children who will be leaving us for a new adventure at school.

Leaving and Holiday dates

It is looking like some of us may get a staycation this year and let's face it we could all do with a break after the year we have all had. If you would like to book your child out of nursery to make some lovely memories before they start school or if you just fancy a change of scenery then you can book this as early as you like. In order for us to apply the holiday retainer we need one month's notice in writing please. Sadly the children in receipt of the 30 hours funding no longer get the holiday retainer, but it is still really helpful to know if they will not be attending nursery.

Some parents have already started to book some summer holiday for their child and this really helps us to manage our staffing and also sanction some well-deserved holiday for our staff.

If your child will be leaving for school the same process applies in that we require one month's notice in writing please.

Other Information

It is really important that you name all of your child's belongings so that if lost we can reunite items to their rightful owner. This also applies to your cups/bottles which you are bringing in for your child. We do not want to write all over everything in permanent marker but we have no option if you do not label things. There are some very good sticker sites where you can get illustrated name stickers for your child and they are very robust staying on even in the dishwasher.

If you are running late and would like a hot lunch please call in before 9.30 this is so we can place our lunch orders with the kitchen. If you do not do this you risk being asked to drop in a packed lunch for your child.

If your child will not be attending nursery it would be greatly appreciated if you could give us a call on the following numbers 01980 846699 (Tidworth) or 01980 844008 (Perham Down) Sometimes we may delay going for a walk or starting a specific activity as we wait for a child to come into nursery and so this would be really helpful, thank you.

Could you check your child's bag of spare clothes to make sure they fit and are appropriate. We only hold a small supply here at the nursery and we regularly run out of certain items such as trousers and pants. We will call you if your child does not have changes of clothes, sun cream/hats, nappies or wipes.

As we move into Spring/Summer hopefully the warmer weather won't be far behind. Your child will need a sun hat and sun-cream please so that we can go out into the garden. If you could please apply the first application at home before you come to nursery we would be really grateful and it would save the staff having to apply sun-cream to 16 children all at once. We will of course re-apply later in the day.

May 2021 – The Cottage

We are delighted to say that the Before & After school club, and the Holiday Club are really growing and thriving which is amazing news. For those parents who change bookings from month to month it is really important that you give us your required dates as soon as possible otherwise it may sadly mean that some days are unavailable, which we would hate to have to tell you.

Now that the longer and hopefully sunnier days are coming we will be going outside more and so please can we ask that you provide a sun hat and sun cream for your child please. We don't hold any spare clothes in The Cottage so a change of clothes will always be handy as well so we don't have to call you while you are at work.

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Health & Safety

Please can we remind you that you cannot park opposite The Cottage for drop off's and collections. The Aspire staff are now returning to work and we do not want to annoy our landlords by parking in the permit only car park. Please use the car park which is right at the roundabout

COVID – we will still ask you to wear a mask when collecting your child, and please observe social distancing with our staff and other parents.

We are continuing with our thorough hygiene processes and cleaning all resources and surfaces rigorously. Let's keep everything crossed that all these measures won't be in place for too much longer.

Notice to leave

If your child will no longer require their place at the before and after school club please could you give us one month's require notice in writing. This really helps us to manage our waiting list as the club has gone from strength to strength. We will automatically assume your child will rollover into the next term if we do not hear from you.