



# NEWSLETTER



## SUMMER TERM 2019



### STAFFING NEWS

As you may be aware, Fiona left our setting at the end of May and Rachel T has now stepped up as Interim Manager. Jemma is now working in our office as our Financial Administrator, but will continue her role as the Panda Room Lead. Christie is our Lead SENDCo and Safeguarding Lead. Rachel T has qualified as an Advanced Practitioner Level 4 and Louise has qualified as a Level 3 Early Years Practitioner.

### NEW WEBSITE

With the help of a company called Parenta, we are in the process of finalising our new website. We are hoping to launch this by the end of term.

### PARENTA

In line with modernising the website, we are also working with Parenta to implement an online Nursery Management System. We have selected software, namely 'Abacus' which will automate all our administration procedures including:

- Registering children
- Providing a 'live' database for ALL the children
- Keeping track of allergies, dietary requirements etc
  - Calculating free entitlement
- Processing invoices and managing the accounts

We are currently at the first stage of the implementation process and we hope to be set up shortly to run trials of the system, with a view to going live later in the year.

We will keep you all posted of our progress with this project.

### DIARY DATES...

#### Summer Holiday Club

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July -  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

#### Summer Fun Day

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

#### Closure dates

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August -  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

#### Open day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please can you make sure that  
Booking Forms are  
completed and returned to  
the office

*(Please note that Clubs  
require 24 hours notice for  
any cancellations  
as charges will be incurred).*

Please ring the office on  
01525-875400 if you  
require any changes.



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## SUMMER FUN DAY

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Toddington Social Club  
11.30am-2pm



Stalls include:

Popcorn cones & Sweet bags,  
Tattoo's and face painting, Soft play & bouncy castle. Whirl wind,  
cake stall, BBQ, Lucky dip, Brick-a-brack and decorating biscuits.

Tickets are available from the office or on the day.



## SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Week 1 - Zoo Lab (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July)

Week 2 - Park visit

Week 3 - Ark Farm

Week 4 - Wet & Wild Week

Week 5 - Picnic in the woods



**Forest activities include:** Clay faces, Picture frames, Leaf crowns, Bug hunt, Colour matching, Nature pictures, Den making

(Holiday Club forms are available in the office.)



## PARENTS.....

Can you please clearly name your child's belongings including ALL clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles, bags, toys, etc. This will help us to ensure belongings are not mislaid.

Could we also please ask that Parents/Carers apply sun cream to their child before starting our Breakfast Club, Pre-school or Holiday Club sessions. Our staff will then reapply later on during the day as required.



## PARENT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

As a charitable organisation it has been decided to set up a Parent Fundraising Committee (PFC).

We would love our parents to join us and assist with ideas.

Please speak to **Jemma** or **Rachel T** for more information.

## WE ARE A 'NUT FREE ZONE'

Please check all snack and lunch box items before bringing food items onto our site.

(If reads 'may contain nuts' this is fine, BUT if it states 'may contain peanuts or any other type of tree nuts' - we CANNOT have this in the setting).

This is especially important as we do have children and staff with nut allergies.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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# OUR ROOMS



## PANDA ROOM

(1-2 YEARS)

Our room provides a nurturing and enabling environment through baby led play. Our day consists of lots of enjoyable sensory exploration as this promotes early brain development as well as the babies having fun as they enjoy getting messy and using their senses to explore.

We also have two baskets which are changed weekly for our Heuristic play, this gives the babies the opportunity to explore natural objects, and different tactile materials.



## ZEBRA ROOM

(2-3 YEARS)

In the Zebra Room we operate free flow play both indoors and outside in the Zebra garden area, providing a selection of good quality continuous provision for the children to access. This includes a 'Snuggle Zone' for quiet time, relaxation and sharing of stories or small group games, a mark making/writing table with a selection of mark making materials, a large role-play area which is changed regularly to reflect interests of the children. Our outside area is set up with sand and water play, a slide, a seesaw, fixed tyres for balancing and climbing, loose parts play with tyres and planks, a gardening area, outdoor reading and a chalk board area. Our children also have access to our Forest garden for free flow play when not being used for focused activities.



## GIRAFFE ROOM

(3-4 YEARS)

In the Giraffe room our children are invited to join in small group activities, which may include practising counting skills, sharing reading books

and early phonics. Our children are encouraged; to practice good hygiene by washing hands before snack, to get involved in fruit preparation, and to help wash their plates and cups afterwards.

We also follow the 'My Smile' programme which promotes oral hygiene and involves every child actively brushing their own teeth as a group activity.



## FOREST SCHOOL



Sarah is our Forest School Lead delivering focused programmes. Our sessions are designed to promote children's holistic development, fostering their resilience, confidence, independence and creative skills. Our children have the opportunity to take risks which are appropriate to both their age and to our environment, Children have the chance to learn and explore in our outdoor environment enjoying activities such as bug hunts, natural arts and crafts, tool use and physical activities.

Haylee is also training to become a Level 3 Forest School Lead.