



Lyneham Newsletter, September2016

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WE RECEIVED A WONDERFUL LETTER FROM THE QUEEN , THANKING US FOR OUR CARD WE SENT .

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome – We would like to wish you all a warm welcome to the start of a brand new academic year. All the staff at Sunny Days look forward to working in partnership with you and your family to make this year a fun, learning experience for your child .As the first few weeks of term can take a little getting used to please support one another and make new friends feel welcome. We will be concentrating on getting to know you all and settling the children, learning about their likes and dislikes and the way that they learn and develop.

All About Me Sheets

Every year we work hard to try to improve our parent partnership working by improving the amount of information shared between home and school. Completing the all about me forms together helps the staff to build a good understanding of your child's needs and gives then a good starting point to work from as it allows you to share their needs. To build on these sheets and support our relationship with you, each staff member will also be sending home an 'All About Me' form about themselves, to help you get to know a little about the people that are looking after your children.

Please bring in any photos of your family for our key person boards and also for the family trees that the children will be making.

Key Person

Each child will shortly be allocated a key person and put into a key group. In the entrance area you will find a staff display showing the key groups. Your child's key person will keep a learning journal on your child, recording their achievements and interests. We hope that you will contribute by sharing their achievements at home either through Wow sheets or sharing at the beginning of the session. There are many ways to communicate and share information with your child's key person.

<u>Drop off and pick</u> up is a great opportunity to chat with your child's key person

Home diary – if you work or find it hard to talk at pick up time and would like a home link diary, then please just ask

White board outside classroom will record activities and events for the day.

<u>Snack</u> – We offer a rolling snack and children are encouraged to choose when to have their snack. The snack of the day will be displayed on the doors in the hallway.

<u>Planning board</u> will display children's next steps and activities planned for term.

Parents Evenings-Over the year we will hold three parent events where you will be invited to come along and meet with your child's key person and share their learning journal

<u>Learning Journal</u> – It's a shared document and we don't mind if you want to take it home to look at but please remember we do not have another copy if lost.

<u>Facebook/Website</u> – will display photographs of activities over the week and information about policies, upcoming events and dates for diary and links to useful information about early years education .Please log on and like our page or leave feedback.



Stories of the Month

Each month we have a story that links in with the children's interest. We also have a large number of story sacks that are available for parents to sign out and read at home with their child – please ask if you would like to borrow one.



Things to Remember

Even though our garden isn't very muddy, children still benefit from wearing wellington boots. Please can you provide a pair of named boots for your child. Thank you

Attendance/Illness

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent – all children's attendance will now be recorded and monitored as part of our Ofsted requirements

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Sunshine Tree

The sunshine tree is a part of our behaviour policy. Over the session, every child will be rewarded for being kind and helpful, whether by being placed on the tree, or praised for being on the tree. Using this positive ethos helps to create a warm and nurturing environment, which promotes trusting positive relationships between adults and peers. Please make sure you have a look at the tree with your child during pick up time and celebrate together.

Good News

Sunny Days now offers before and after school club, offering wrap around childcare. We also offer the options to add extra hours to either morning or after school at the cost of £4.80 an hour

Language Development:

We will be using ECAT and BLAST educational programs within our setting to support children's listening and speech skills. We have a nursery rhyme of the month, which we learn together and focus some of our activities around. To further support your child's development you might like to learn it at home. This way we work together to provide children with the best start to their early year's education. Information on the Every Child A Talker system is displayed at school

This Month -

Hello to Loren



We are really pleased to have Loren join the staff team and she will be getting to know the routine and children in Jungle Explorers. She has a level 3 qualification in early years education and recently moved from Basingstoke. We would like to wish her well.

Children' Interests -

The children have shown an interest in vehicles and bugs, so we will be talking and learning about them over the next few weeks.

We will also be talking about our golden rules and playing games together to develop our understading of turn taking and playing together nicely

We will be reading 'Panda Makes Faces' to build our understanding of feelings .

Please note our last day of this **term** will be Friday 24th October, the children have one week off and return Monday 31st October.

Christmas Break

Last Day term 16th December and we return on 9th January 2017

Don't forget! Every month a newsletter will be available on our website. Please take a look as it will share upcoming events and activities, plus achievements from the previous month. We have a few paper copies available or we can email you a copy if you prefer. – please make sure we have an up to date email.