

Childhaven News.....

August 2021



Dear parents

We are looking forward to the start of a brand new school year!

Here is some important information for September. We are trialling some new start and finish routines, pending any other guidelines with regard to COVID-19 coming into school and we are looking forward to welcoming parents back into nursery at certain times of day.

**Main entrance =
Londesborough Road
entrance**

**Red Door = Belgrave
Crescent entrance**

School start and finish times

8am – Early Starters	Please ring the buzzer at the main entrance and we will meet you and your child there (ALL CHILDREN). We will take your child in from the door so that you can get to work swiftly.
830am – 9am (flexible drop-off) – Morning session starts 1230pm – Doors open – Afternoon session starts	Please come to the main reception (2 Year olds AND 3 & 4 year olds) and come into nursery with your child to drop them off (see below). Donna will be in Reception every day to help you.
1120am doors open (collect by 1130am) – End of morning session 230pm – Early afternoon pick up time 320pm – doors open (collect by 330pm) – End of afternoon session	2 Year olds – Please collect from the Red Door. 3 & 4 year olds – Please collect children from the main entrance. We will have children ready with all their things and bring them out to you.
Tea time club (collect up to 545pm) -	Please ring the buzzer at the main entrance and we will let you in to come and collect your child.

New for 2021Lunch Club information.....



We have new guidelines to follow which come into force in September 2021 linked to children's health and their oral health (teeth) in particular. We have a new duty to play our part, and will promote milk or water as the main drinks that support healthy young teeth.

We will now be providing drinks at lunchtime as well as snack times (milk or water), so please don't include one in your packed lunch.

Apart from healthier teeth, there will also be no more bottles to lose!

Please remember....



Names on everything please



No shoe laces



*A coat every day for
playing outside*



Join us on Facebook to keep up to date with nursery news! This is a private group and you will be asked some questions. Click on this link, or search 'Childhaven Nursery School Parents Group'

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1325930727543675>



We will be holding a uniform shop in the main entrance on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th September at drop off times. We have a large number of pre-worn nursery items (jumpers / cardigans / dresses / t shirts) available with plenty of playing left in them! (We ask for a small donation of any amount towards school funds). If you have any special requests for uniform of a particular size / type or you are a new starter and can't make our drop off times in that week, you can ring /email or message us and we will put something aside for you.

New for September 2021 for all families!

We are trialling a new platform where we can securely share photographs of your child at nursery with you, and you can also share photographs of your child at home with us. It's called 'ClassDojo' and is used already by quite a few schools in the area.

Once we have your email address, you will receive this message to join us.



ClassDojo



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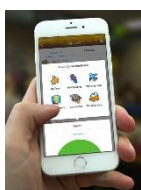
You're invited to join your child's class on ClassDojo

Join your child's class to see photos and important updates.

Click on this special link to join your class:
<https://classdojo.com/E2F2V7WPU>

1. Click on the link
2. Your child's name will come up – click on it
- a. You will be asked to set up an account – just an email address and password

If you already have an account (for children at another school) when you log in your nursery child will pop up like magic where your other children are!



Once you are logged in, you can see school news / pictures of your individual child and news from your key person. You can send your key person photographs from home and also send messages securely to them. You can access ClassDojo online or via a FREE app on your phone, which will keep you logged in all the time. Look out for your email (from next week).

Home Visits – We like to visit all new starters at home before they join us. We are thrilled that we are allowed to do this again for our new children. Home visits are **Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th September**. If you haven't heard from your key person yet, they will be in touch very soon to arrange your visit. Please have your 'I am Special' booklet and your essential information forms ready for the visit (inside your new starter pack).








Tea time club

We are now open until 5:45pm each night. The tea time club is an extension of the nursery day, with our own nursery staff. Please see Donna if you would like to book a session. These bookings can be ad-hoc (depending on our availability) should you need the additional sessions now and again, or they can use your regular nursery funded hours. Children will be provided with a light tea and be able to play indoors and out during the session. It is a flexible pick-up option, so that you can just arrive any time, with the latest pick up at 5:45pm. If your child is booked into tea time club and you need to contact us (e.g. someone different will be collecting them) please contact us before 3:30pm, as we cannot guarantee that there will be anyone in the school office after that time.

What's happening in nursery this term?

In addition to all the wonderful environments that the staff create for children, and their day to day adventures with them, these are the extra activities that we are offering at the moment as part of children's nursery experience.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
				
Island time (am/pm) weekly special sessions, where children gather with their key person and share special achievements	Sensory play (pm) – a whole host of different sensory experiences on a large scale each week.	Out and about (am/pm) weekly sessions will mostly be on Wednesdays. Once children are settled back in, we like to pop here and there on adventures!	Nature Club (am) – weekly gardening and other nature activities through the seasons.	Kathy Seabrook Fun Music monthly (am / pm) sessions with Kathy, rotated with Jabadao – developmental movement play – think rocking, rolling and spinning!

If you would like to book additional sessions to take part in any of these things, please see Donna.

Snack money

£1 per week or £7 for this half term.
Donna will collect this in reception

This is a voluntary donation which goes towards additional activities such as food tasting and baking.



CAR PARKING – PLEASE HELP US



**PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO
UNAUTHORISED
PARKING**

Our neighbours (on all sides) have asked us to remind parents that all the car parks at the main entrance to nursery (Londesborough Road) are private and NOT for use at drop off and pick up times. They are also NOT to be used as a cut through. They are now all CCTV monitored.

Please park and walk to nursery. There is ample parking at Sainsbury's across the road. There is also on-street parking on all the streets around nursery, such as Murray Street, All Saints Road and Avenue Road.



If you are collecting a 2 year old from the red door on Belgrave Crescent at 230pm or 330pm, please only park in a designated space (there are very few, and it is preferable to park on surrounding streets or Sainsbury's also). We have had fresh zig –zag lines painted which creates a safe zone outside that entrance. Please do not obstruct this or our adjoining neighbour's drive.

We thank you for your support with this.

Dates for the first half term

Monday 6th September – Staff training day

Tuesday 7th September – Start of term for returning children

Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th September – Uniform shop in reception at 830am and 1230pm. Home visits.

Monday 13th September – New families start across the week

Friday 1st October – First Music session with Kathy Seabrook (pm)

Wednesday 20th October – Stay and Play sessions for parents – stay at nursery and join in the fun! (Morning and Afternoon sessions – stay as long as you like. Join us if Wednesday is not your day)

Friday 22nd October – End of term. Normal school finishing times.