

Childhaven News.....



September 2021


Dear parents

Here we are already at the end of September – where did that go? We have been delighted with how well children have settled back into nursery and how well new starters are settling into nursery routines. We will send out a newsletter each month to keep you up to date with what's happening in school. We are pleased to be back to using one main nursery entrance and thank you for your patience with COVID 19 measures. We do ask that parents and children sanitise their hands on their way into nursery please now that we have increased the number of people entering nursery and that the cases are remaining quite high. There will be plenty of hand gel available in the main reception.

School start and finish times...reminders

8am – Early Starters (please ring the buzzer)
830am – 9am (flexible drop-off) – Morning session starts
1120am doors open (collect by 1130am please)
1230pm – Afternoon session starts
230pm – Early afternoon pick up time
320pm – doors open (collect by 330pm please)
Tea time club (collect up to 545pm) –please ring the buzzer

Please remember....

Names on everything please – if we find items without names in, we will pop your child's initials in them. 



No shoe laces please – we have stairs and lots of climbing equipment



Lunch Club news

Thank you for not sending in drinks at lunchtime. The children are happily choosing milk or water and actually really enjoy the novelty of pouring their own drinks.

Tea time club news

We are delighted to welcome Miss Lauren Rose back to our nursery staff family and she will be here for all the tea time sessions, along with Miss Preston. This will ensure continuity for the children. If you would like to book a tea time club place, please contact Donna. We provide a light warm tea and you can collect children up to 545pm. We have a new emergency telephone number **(07970004203)** if you need to contact us after our main school office has closed at 345pm.

Settling in routines

Please remember to support your child to find their ticket and pop it on the board – this is our register of who is in the session and is a great habit to start. Please try not to do it for them. Children's coat pegs will match the picture on their ticket. 2-year-old coat pegs are in the front room and 3-year-old coat pegs are in the hall. If your child is about to turn three and they have discovered their peg in the hall (because some of them have already!) it is fine if they use this one – much better that they make that transition by themselves!

Catching up with your key person.....

If you would like to speak to your child's key person, drop off time is ideal as you can come into nursery to find them. This is where you will find them..... remember you are welcome to go upstairs or into any of the rooms. If you can't find your key person, please ask, or any of our friendly staff will be happy to help you.

Mrs Anderson (blue group) - upstairs

Ms Clough (red group) - downstairs

Miss Ingle (pink group) – upstairs

Miss McNulty (green group) – downstairs / the garden

Miss Metcalfe (yellow group) – downstairs

Mrs Pearson (orange group) – the garden

Students this term

We are supporting a number of students, including Jess and Libby from the sixth form college who are finishing their Level 3 qualification and Miss Claire Glanvill who is completing her teacher training with us.

We have also welcomed Miss Daniella Preston who is our new Early Years Apprentice, working every afternoon and tea time with us.

COVID-19

Our latest risk assessment and outbreak management plans can be viewed on our website.

We continue to have enhanced measures in place such as additional cleaning. Please support us by sanitising your hands on the way into nursery now that we are all using 1 entrance.

The latest rules around isolation mean that children would not be expected to isolate should we have a positive case in nursery. Inevitably due to the way we operate at nursery, one positive case will mean a lot of close contacts, and it could be likely that a PCR test will be needed in this instance. We will follow latest government and public health advice at all times.

Please do not send your child to nursery, or come into the building yourself if either of you have any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19;

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change in your sense of taste or smell



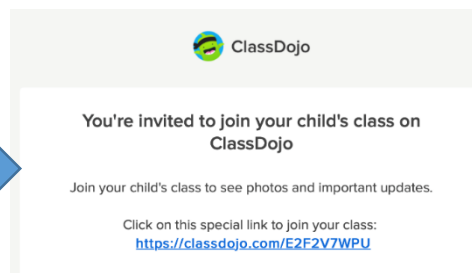
Join us on Facebook to keep up to date with nursery news! This is a private group and you will be asked some questions. Click on this link, or search 'Childhaven Nursery School Parents Group'

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



ClassDojo






Parents should have all had this link by email.
Please check your 'junk' box and let us know if you need another link sending.



We will use Class Dojo to send you pictures of your child at nursery and also for important updates and news. You can also message us easily on there. Please do not sign up for any paid for extras.....everything you need is FREE.

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 with Mr Rowe.	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.



Songs to learn

- 1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive
- Walking Through the Jungle
- Wind the Bobbin up
- The Wheels on the Bus

Not sure of the words??? Find a version online. Your child will help you sing along! Sing in the bath, sing in the car, sing as much as you can!

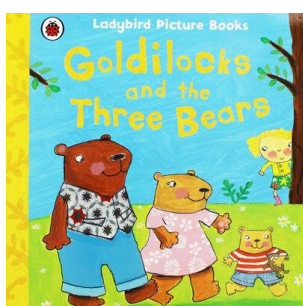
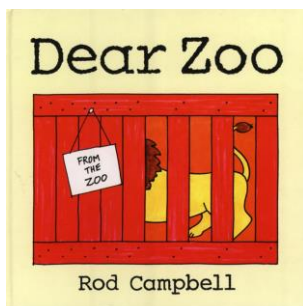
Snack money

£1 per week / or you can pay for a whole term / half term. Donna will collect this in reception.

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



Books to read



Here are 2 books we have been looking at this month. Share them at home too by using the local library or finding them online – there are many versions of books now available online to you to watch and read along to. Have fun, act them out and share pictures with us please on dojo!

Invoices

If you pay nursery fees, invoices have been sent out. Prompt payment is really appreciated. Please do come and talk to us if you are having difficulty with your bill.

Term dates reminder:

Nursery closes at 545pm on Friday 22nd October

Nursery re-opens at 8am on Monday 1st November