

June Newsletter

Summer Term...

We have now entered the final summer term, our last weeks with all the little ones before the summer holidays, this also means the last term with all our lovely pre-schoolers ☺ However we have some fun packed weeks ahead to end the year on a high!

Staff News

Our beloved Claire Bear has decided her career in childcare has come to an end, she has worked 11 years with little ones and has seen them grow alongside her own 2 beautiful children. Claire has now decided that as her family grows older she would like a change and is moving into care for the elderly (how lucky are they!) You will be seeing lots of Claire over the next few weeks before she leaves at the end of June. We are so sad but want everyone to support Claire in her new adventure! We will be welcoming Laura Silverwood to our Big Bears room on the 26th June where she will be working full time after completing her EYT.

Parents Committee

Our next parents committee meeting is 17th September after our summer break. We would just like to thank all parents who attend, these meetings are such an important date for our calendar they provide so many amazing ideas and are the perfect platform to rework and test out ideas of our own! It gives parents a chance to raise issues and discuss these without little monkeys at our feet too! If anyone would like to join the team it is open to everyone so please speak to Laura or Astone.

Egg Nomination

Our facebook easter competition to decorate eggs finished early in May and we picked our winners! The Venables family were the winners with the Fowlers a close second! They got to choose from a variety of days out including Chester Zoo and Blue Planet. Thank you to everyone who entered, keep your eyes peeled for our next challenge....

Students

We would like to bid farewell to Jill and Ashleigh who have been with us the last 5 weeks, they have both been amazing and we are very lucky to have been able to help them on their journey. Thank You

From September we will be welcoming a new student Lauren who will be in her final year at Chester University studying Childcare Level 3. She will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays for 3 terms so will become a very familiar face! Please welcome her kindly and feel free to ask her any questions on her course or what she is learning with us.

Late Charges

A few of you may notice late charges on your bill this month, if we do not receive payment by the required date and you have not informed us of a reason why the payment was missed 10% will automatically be added to your next bill. If you have any problems please speak to Laura.

Butterflies

Our little cocoons finally hatched out into beautiful butterflies over our half term! The children were so brilliant in feeding them and keeping a close watch on them as they lived with us for a few days

before we released them into our garden. Before the butterflies became confident with their wings we were able to hold them in our hands. This was such an amazing experience for the children and they learnt so much about wildlife and how to care for them. See below a few pictures of our friends being released.

Tattenhall Park.

Tattenhall park school are holding a taster session for pre-schoolers rising to reception on the 25th June in EITHER the morning or the afternoon. You should have received a letter directly from the school about this date. As per every year Astone will be taking some children up to their visits, either they already attend on a Wednesday or parents feel they would transition better as a group from Sandy Bears! If you would like Astone to take your pre-schooler to either of these sessions please tell Astone or Laura ASAP.

Malpas Alport

Miss Irwin will be coming in to see our pre-schoolers that are moving to Malpas School in September and to have a chat with Astone to get up to date on their development. She will be coming to see us on Thursday 26th June at 1.30pm and Wednesday 9th July at 9.00am. The children will have started their 4 settling in sessions but this is a brilliant opportunity for them to get to know their teacher on their own 'turf'. If Alport parents have any questions please just ask 😊

Clutton School

For children moving to Clutton we are in contact with them and are awaiting confirmation of a meet date, more information to follow.

Summer Holiday Club

We are beginning to formulate our registers for the summer, please let us know any dates you would like your child to attend (if you are not already signed up for 51week care). Due to staff taking summer holidays our availability can be limited so please get in quick to avoid disappointment.

September

A reminder that if you are looking to extend hours / claim 15 free 3 year old government funded hours in September you need to confirm this in writing. Similarly if your child is moving to school and you will need to use our after school or holiday club facilities please let us know ASAP.

Paediatric First Aid

We will be holding a first aid course at Sandy Bears over 2 Saturdays sometime in the near future. This course is so important when around little ones, something so simple to learn could very easily give someone the confidence and knowledge to save a life. We have some spare spaces on this course which we are opening out to parents, this course is FREE of charge. Please let us know if you would like to attend this course 😊

Course

Cheshire West is holding a study session for The Foundation for Infant Loss Prevention to educate nursery workers and parents on the Risk of Sudden Death Syndrome. This will be held on Friday 15th

August in Chester at a cost of £30 per person. If this is something you would be interested in please let Laura or Astone know ASAP as places are limited.

Thank You's

A thank you to Lisa Andrews for her lovely recommendation on day nurseries. Reviews really do mean the world to us. If you would like to read or add any recommendations then please go to www.daynurseries.co.uk and search for Sandy Bears Nursery.

Thank you to the Hutson family for their donation of our lovely little tadpoles, hopefully we will see some changes beginning soon....! Thank you for your donation of some lovely baking equipment which we have already been making great use of.

Thank you to the Midwood's for a donation of lots of new toys for both our rooms 😊

Also thank you to Eleanor Connelly for our beautiful new kitchen for outside, the kids absolute love it and have been frying eggs and sausage since we got it ;)

Staff of the Term

Only a few weeks are left to enter any suggestions you have for our 'staff of the term'. This is an in house award which was suggested to us that we open out to parents (as your opinion is so important!) so we have a box in the cloakroom for you to enter reasons why you think a member of staff would deserve this bonus! If you can't find the box please just ask and below there is a form that you can use to enter your suggestions on!

Staff of the Term

My Nominated Staff Member:

My reason for choosing this member of staff is...

Name (optional):