



April Newsletter

Happy Easter everyone! We hope you have all enjoyed your Easter weekend and feel refreshed for the summer ahead ☺ below are some dates for the diary and other updates...

Upcoming Dates

Holiday Club/ Non term time Wednesday 8th April (Bear Cubs and Big bears/ Holiday Club)- Zoo Lab visit

Monday 20th April- Term time children back from Easter break ☺

Thursday April 23rd 1.30pm-2.30pm – Dads Stay & Play

Thursday 30th April from 10.30am- Mo & Jo photography

Saturday May 2nd 11am-1pm – Eco Open Day

Monday 4th May- Bank Holiday (Sandy Bears closed)

Monday 25th – 29th May- half term (Open for holiday club and nursery children only)

Monday 25th May- Bank Holiday (Sandy Bears closed)

1st June- Term time children back from half term ☺

Friday June 19th 10am-12pm – Messy Play Day

Wednesday 1st July- Star light clothing collection

w/c Monday 6th July- Childrens reports sent out to parents

Friday 17th July- Water play day!

More dates will be added to the next newsletter, you can also keep up to date by following us on Facebook! ☺



Mo & Jo

We are once again having a photographer in to come and take some summer pictures! This is optional and we will have a sign up sheet on the back of the front door, there is no obligation to buy the pictures or a charge for taking them. Lots of people always ask if it is ok to bring sibilings....this is absolutely fine just be aware any booked times may have a slight delay! The date they are coming in is Thursday 30th April please speak to any member of staff for more information.



Donations

We would like to thank everyone who has donated us books/soil/seeds/pots and toys this month. The children really do benefit from this and we are very very grateful!

Reports

We hope you all enjoyed reading your reports! Each key worker hand writes every child's report individually and we hope you notice how personal they are. Every child should have received one (please speak to Astone or Laura if you have not). If you have not already then please return it to your child's key worker with any comments you wish to make. These will then be stuck into their Learning Journeys which you receive when they leave, however if you would like a copy now then please just ask and we can copy it for you.

Teeth Brushing

The bear cubs are really enjoying their teeth brushing every morning and love singing the song and brushing along! Due to this success we are going to implement it with some of the younger ones in Big Bears and children whose parents have indicated they struggle with brushing at home! If you would like your child to partake then please mention it to your keyworker!



Here is the song below, if you wish to sing along or implement this at home! :)

This is the way we brush our teeth,
Brush our teeth, brush our teeth,
This is the way we brush our teeth,
Early in the morning'

Staff then comment saying 'up like a rocket', 'down like a plane' 'side to side like a choo choo train'.
(and repeat!)



Didi Dance & Music with Stephanie

The Big Bears have been having so much fun with Danielle and Stephanie doing dance and music sessions. They learn so much and have been happy and engaged throughout both sessions! We will be welcoming both sessions in over the next term too! If you do NOT want your child to take part in these sessions, please speak to a member of management and you will not be charged for these.

Grandparent Stay & Play

Thank you to the grandparents that attended our stay & play session last month it was so lovely to see grandparents and children working together in Big Bears to make their own playdough! In Bear Cubs they bathed the 'babies' and had a lovely tea party – along with some messy play of course! We hope you enjoyed it as much as the little ones did ☺



Parents Committee

We are always looking for extra members on our parents committee! These are informal chats that take place to discuss any upcoming events, things we are thinking of implementing and any topics parents would like to discuss. These take place once a term and if you cannot attend a meeting we will forward you the minutes. If you would like to join our parents team please speak to Astone or Laura. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th May at 6.10pm.



Outdoor Area

We are so pleased with the results of our outdoor renovations and the babies are really benefitting from more outdoor play! They have requested donations of any old pots or pans to hang from the posts that would help make a new musical area. The older ones love having a cosy area to sit and have quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of the other outdoor space too!

Before and After pics!!!...



Fundraising

Now that we have our cosy area we are looking to develop our climbing frame area too. To help towards this the staff are holding a fundraising day (date TBC) with ideas of children making over staff, sponsored silences and sponge throws! If you have any ideas on things we can do please let a member of staff know ☺ watch this space.....!!



Laura

The time has come to temporarily say goodbye to Laura while she goes off to start her biggest adventure and have her baby! Laura's last day will be Monday 20th April ☺ We are going to miss her so much but cannot wait to meet the newest little Sandy Bear. She won't be far and will still be assisting from home and will still be picking up her emails should you want to contact her. Astone is the on-site Manager and can deal with any queries you may have. Feel free to call email or Facebook her as you would with Laura. Your room leaders are still Beckie and Laura S and they along with other staff are here to help!



Thank you,

Happy Easter ☺

Sandy Bear x



Sandy Bears Nursery and Pre-School

Parent Questionnaire

Date: April 2015	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Comments
I feel my child is happy and safe at Sandy Bears Nursery + Pre school					
I feel Sandy Bears consistently achieves high levels of educational programmes for children of all ages					
My child(rens) communication and language skills, physical development and personal, social & emotional development are supported					
I feel management are approachable and available					
I feel well informed about my child(rens) progress					
I feel my child(rens) needs are/were quickly identified					
I find staff at Sandy Bears are happy and positive					
I feel staff are helpful and approachable					
I feel Sandy Bears offer balanced healthy and nutritious meals					
I find Sandy Bears welcoming					
I feel my child has a positive and strong relationship with their					

key worker					
I am happy with the variety of activities offered					
If i had a complaint/concern i feel i could raise this with Sandy Bears					
I am happy that any issues are dealt with quickly and in the correct way					
I feel i receive regular communication and feedback from my child(rens) key worker					
I feel I have been given support/ advice/ info on weaning/ toilet training when necessary					
I feel I have been given support/ advice/ info/ guidance on my child(rens) behaviour when necessary					
I feel the setting is a safe environment for my child(ren)					
I feel there is highly stimulating environment indoors					
I feel there is highly stimulating environment outdoors					
I know where the parents notice board is					
I am aware Sandy Bears has a website					
I am aware copies of Sandy Bears Nursery policies are available for parents on request					
I am happy staff are well trained and experienced for their roles					
I am happy with the care Sandy bears provide					
I feel my child is stimulated enough at Sandy Bears					
My childs personal hygiene needs are being met sufficiently					

I feel my opinions and comments are valued					
I feel display boards are educational					
I believe childrens interests are considered in planning the process					

If you have any comments or suggestions we would very much like to hear them. Please comment in the box below.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete our questionnaire as this will assist us in improving Sandy Bears Nursery and Pre-School.

Thank you,

Sandy Bear x



Sandy Bears Nursery and Pre-School Child Questionnaire 😊

Parents please read the question to your child and write any comments your child makes in the box on the right.	Child comments
What do you like playing with at Sandy Bears?	
What do you like doing outside at Sandy Bears?	
Do you like the food at Sandy Bears?	
What is your favourite thing at Sandy Bears?	
How do you feel at Sandy Bears?	

Please draw a picture below of something you like or like doing at Sandy Bears

