



April Newsletter

Sky Dive

On June 25th 3 of our staff Sarah, Gill and Astone, 1 of our parents Nathan Chorley and 5 other friends and family are braving heights of 10,00ft and skydiving down to raise money for The Joshua Tree. The Joshua Tree support children and families who are dealing with the awful effects of cancer. Some of you may know Sarahs niece has been fighting Leukaemia and luckily very recently has been given the result of cancer free. Ruby and her whole family feel so lucky to hear this but there are still so many children going through treatment trying to survive....to read more on their story and to donate please go to

www.justgiving.com/windbeneathourwings. Every single pound counts. To everyone who has already donated thank you so much we are so grateful.

(**to text donate send WBOW90 followed by the amount you wish to donate to 70070**)

School Places

We know that all of our pre-schoolers will have found out which school they will be attending in September. We will contact all schools and invite the reception teacher into Sandy Bears to allow them to meet the children and to get up to speed with their progress. Parents are more than welcome to attend this to meet the teacher too. Please could you all inform your childs key worker which school they have been accepted into so we can begin this process as soon as possible. Please also see our upcoming dates for the date of this years Graduation Party.

Before & After School Club

As our pre-schoolers will be moving up to school in September we have begun taking bookings for our before & after school club. We currently do drop offs and picks ups for Tattenhall Park and Bickerton School. We also work with Huxley School who provide transport from Sandy Bears to school and back again in the evenings. Below is a list of our current prices, if you would like any more information or to secure your place please speak to Laura Y or Astone.

Breakfast Club	8-9am incl. breakfast & journey to Park School	£5.50
Breakfast Club	8-9am incl. breakfast & journey to Bickerton School	£6.00
Early start	at 7.30am	£5.00
After School Club	3.30-6pm incl. 2 course hot tea & journey from Huxley, Tattenhall Park	£10.50
After school club	Bickerton incl. 2 course hot tea & journey	£12.00

Photo Sign Up

A reminder that Wild Child Photography are coming in to take photos of all the children. There is no obligation to purchase any photos once you have received the proofs. These pictures will be taking



place on Tuesday 3rd May from 9.10am. There is a sign up sheet behind the main front door. If this is full we will add an additional day on the Wednesday. If your child does not attend this day you are more than welcome to bring your child in especially for this. Any other questions please ask a member of staff.

Pond

As you may have seen or your little ones may have mentioned! We have recently installed a pond in our garden! This is set into a large tractor tyre above the ground making it very difficult for children to lean into. The pond will not be covered as we want the pond to be visually accessible to the children and at Sandy Bears we encourage learning through appropriate risks. The children are never unattended outside and staff have been given a full safety brief on managing this risk. There is no wildlife in there currently as we are allowing the water to settle and using this time to educate the children about appropriate behaviour (ie not throwing items in/scooping water out). This is going so well and they are all very excited to see what might arrive next. If you would like to see a full risk assessment for this please ask a member of management.

Upcoming Dates

Stay and Play

We are holding some stay & play sessions for parents, grandparents and carers to come along and get involved in activities and experiences at Sandy Bears. Here you will see what your children get up to on their days with us and get a chance to ask staff and key workers questions whilst meeting other parents. The dates for the Stay & Play are...

Wednesday 18th May 1.30-2.30 (STAY AND PLAY)

Thursday 30th June – 10-12pm (MESSY PLAY DAY)

Tuesday 12th July – 10-12pm (WATER PLAY DAY)

Friday 22nd July 1.30-3.00 (WATER PLAY DAY)

****Please ensure if you or a family member are attending to let a member of staff know so we can accommodate everybody****

TERM DATES

Term 5

18th April – 27th May

HALF TERM – 30th May – 3rd June



Term 6

6th June – 21st July

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Pre-Schooler Graduation

Thursday 21st July @ 9.30am.

Summer Holidays

21st July 2016 – 5th September 2016

Sainsburys Active Kids

We are collecting vouchers again from Sainsbury's to allow us to purchase some free sports equipment for Sandy Bears. There is a collection box in Big Bears so please tell all your family and friends that we are collecting 😊

Staff Blog

Our staff have decided to start a staff blog, this could be about anything ranging from training they've been on or an insight into their working day! Our first one is from Gill! Gill started working with us last September after deciding on a big career change. Gill had previously brought her daughter Gracie to Sandy Bears so Gill felt like she knew what to expect, but her experience turned out very differently....