



June Newsletter

We are entering the final term of our 2014/15 year...we can't quite believe how quickly that has come round! A few final dates for you to add to your diaries...

Dates

Graduation will be held on **Friday 17th June**. This is not our last official day but due to a lot of schools finishing this Friday and families subsequently going away we are holding our end of year party on the last Friday. This will take place **at 9.15am** and all families of pre-schoolers are welcome. We have a 3 person limit per child however if you would like to request additional spaces please speak to Astone. There will be a short performance and Sandy Bear will present the pre-schoolers with a certificate. There will then be chance for parents to view their child's learning journeys with some drinks and cakes too. We hope that you can all attend and look forward to a lovely send off for all our little bears.

Messy Play Day – This will be on Friday 19th June 10am-12pm! We explore all things messy play learning all about why messy play is so important. This is open to all children and parents who may not attend on the Friday! We advise old clothes for this day and a couple of changes too. The babies will also be enjoying the fun in their room too.

Starlight Clothes Collection

Wednesday 1st July we will be having another collection of old clothes for Starlight Charity. If you have any old items of clothing then you can drop them off up until 9am on the 1st. Thank you!

Holiday Club

Once again we have had a fantastic time over holiday club exploring our local environment and enjoying lots of new activities on site! We are currently planning our summer extravaganza from a zoo trip to water fun! Holiday club is open to **ALL** children that need additional care dates in summer – not just children of school age! Spaces are limited and we've had lots of bookings already so please let a member of staff know or email/facebook over dates ☺

Electronic Learning Journeys

Sandy Bears are very excited that we have just signed up for a 3 month trial on an electronic learning journey site. This essentially means instead of tracking children's progress and development on paper (using the current scrap books) it will all be uploaded and tracked online. This also means parents can access their child's development from home on a daily basis as they will be provided with log in details. This will allow for more detailed and more frequent updates on our key children's profiles. Parents can upload pictures and videos to the site and we can send you updates of 'wow moments' or any other significant events (perhaps if your child was upset at drop off time we would send a smiling picture minutes later). All the work that children do onsite will still be stored in a file for you to keep when they end their journey with us! If you do not have access to the internet please let a member of staff know, otherwise please attach your email to the bottom of this newsletter and we can send you your log in details. If both parents would like log in details then please put both emails. Any questions feel free to ask at any time ☺



Sandy Bears Cook

This month we are saying goodbye to our beloved Tara! She will still be a familiar face as one of our Mums and a helping hand when we need her! She has helped us to find a suitable replacement and we hope you all welcome our new cook Cath. Cath is a mum of four and has lots of experience in catering (particularly baking!!) All our menus will stay the same so there will be minimal disruption for the children.

Bear Cubs

A massive thank you to all parents who have contributed to our 'Around the World' display, it looks amazing and has really helped to develop our multi-cultural learning. We have had so much fun learning all our new words from around the world too.

If anyone has any old fancy dress clothes that might be suitable sizes for our baby room we are asking for donations. Our little ones love dressing up and would love donations. Thank you

Laura Update

Laura and baby Albie are doing well and Laura is enjoying having time off being a Mummy! She has been in to see us already and is popping in a couple of times over the coming month too 😊

