

May Newsletter

New starters

We would like to welcome lots of our new starters who have joined Sandy Bears; Ruairi, Amelia, Leo, Toby and Poppy!

Upcoming dates

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 9am- Star light clothing collection

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

Friday 17th July- Water play day!

Saturday 18th July – SPORTS DAY!

Students

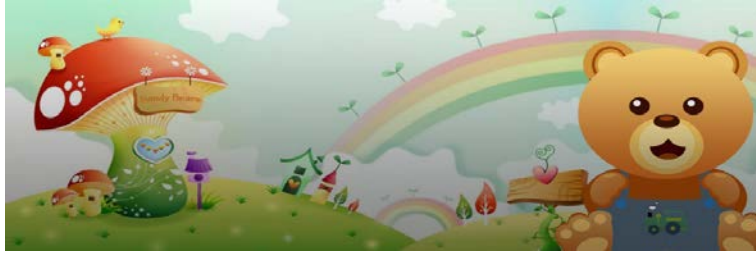
As you have probably seen we have Year 1 students from the University of Chester on their placement with us at the moment. They are based in both rooms so feel free to speak to them about their studies. When they finish we will be welcoming Year 2 students from the University, all students will be identified by an ID badge so you know who is who.

September

Thank you to all the parents that have been very organised and sorted out their hours for next term. A reminder to any parents whose children turn 3 between now and September they will be eligible to claim 15 hours free term time childcare from September. Please speak to Astone if you would like to book in any extra hours or would like more information on the funding.

Outdoors

Outside we promote different ways of exploration. Outdoors in the summer is a wonderful opportunity to experience different ways of exploration that just isn't possible indoors and in the months that the weather isn't as good. Following these ideas we allow children to wear no shoes when it is dry and warm, they feel so much more through their feet and this allows for a full sensory experience through their bare soles! We understand that some parents do not feel comfortable with this and if you prefer your child to wear their shoes this is fine just please let a member of staff know and we will follow this too.



School Transitions

We are so pleased that all our pre-schoolers got into their schools...phewf! We have begun the transition process with the schools we feed to and will keep all parents posted with updates, if you have any questions regarding the school transition please don't hesitate to speak to your child's key worker or Astone.

Recommendation token

Well done to Wendy (Henry's Mummy) who has won a voucher for 2 free 9-3 sessions. This is for recommending us to another parent who has subsequently signed up and quoted her on their registration forms! Any other parent who is noted on registration forms will also win 2 free sessions!

Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents and children who completed the questionnaires on last month's newsletter. We really appreciate all the comments and implement lots of new things from your feedback. It is also so lovely and uplifting to hear such wonderful comments about our setting and the staff- it really means a lot so thank you from everyone.

Calpol policy

In our last parents committee meeting we discussed some policy changes that happened in our annual review, one that parents felt was unclear was the Calpol policy. The changes made were from guidelines suggested to us we now only administer Calpol for under 1s to bring down a high temperature or to help with teething if a Calpol consent form has been signed. Children over 1 who have a high temperature they can be given Calpol if a parent or carer is on route to collect them. If they then go to the doctors who suggests Calpol as a form of treatment then a medicine form can be filled in for this. We hope that this makes it clearer for parents and if you have any more questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Laura update

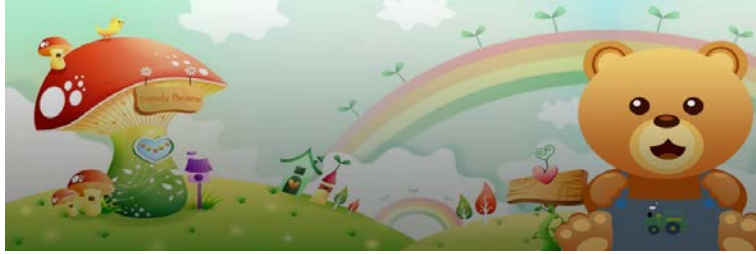
Laura is (reluctantly!) resting at home and preparing for the arrival of her little bundle! She has been in contact lots and sends all her love! Hopefully we will have more news very soon.....

Menu

We have recently amended our menu to incorporate our 'summer meals', lighter choices from homemade pizza to chicken and cous cous are some new dishes Tara will be rustling up this term. We are always doing lots of research on healthy eating for children and this menu follows guidelines that pudding should incorporate up to 80% fruit. If you ever have any suggestions on new meals or ideas you have for our menu feel free to let us know!

ID badges

You may have noticed some ID badges the staff have been wearing (complete with mugshots!) these are to allow staff to be easily identified by children and parents and supporting our continuing safeguarding policy.



Summer Holiday Club

We are currently collating our summer registers and planning lots of exciting activities and trips out for the summer holiday club. If you have any suggestions on where we can take the children over the summer please do let us know.

Parents Notice Board

A note to let all parents know that our notice board is located in the cloakroom at the front of the building. On here you will find lots of legal information, important contacts and any posters of information we may have for you. If you can't find this board please ask any member of staff to point this out for you 😊

Song Bag Competition

Last term we challenged all staff to make a song/story bag to support the children in their room. Sandy was overwhelmed with the effort put in and the amazing bags that were produced. It was really tough to choose but we decided to award Gemma the winning prize! She hand made a lovely bag to support dinging Miss Polly (complete with a bag and a hat!) and the children absolutely love it. Well Done Gemma!

Uniforms/book bags

A reminder to parents in our big bears room that we have book bags for sale for £4 for our little bears. These can be used to hold their diary books and library books they would like to borrow. This encourages independence and responsibility and prepares the ore schoolers for their journey to school. If you would like to purchase one please ask any member of staff.

We also have uniform consisting of a yellow polo and blue jumper available to purchase for children throughout the setting, this protects clothing while they are playing here and again supports with the transition to school. Again any member of staff can assist you in purchasing these!

Parents Committee

A reminder that our parents committee meeting is on Thursday 14th of May at 6.10pm. We have had some new parents join our team this month so please let Laura S or Astone know if you would like to attend 😊

Eco-Day

Massive thank you to all the parents and children who attended Eco Day the garden looks incredible (even the rain couldn't stop us!) feel free to pop out and have a nose 😊

