

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHILDRENS LEARNING CENTRE

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



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A New Term

Welcome back from the holiday period. I hope that you all had a good break and enjoyed the summer. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new children to the Children's Learning Centre.

Labelling

Please can we remind you it is essential that all removable clothing, welly boots, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc are **labelled** clearly. Last year we took 2 black bin liners full of clothing to charity shops. As you can imagine so much valuable time can be wasted during our nursery day, searching for items. With this in mind we have joined a **labelling scheme**, which provides you with incredibly long lasting labels that are easy to apply to clothing, bottles, lunch boxes etc. If you use this scheme they will also provide the nursery with commission that we could use towards equipment. Please visit **MyNametags** on www.MyNametags.com and use our school ID 94949.

Holly

As you are aware Holly has had some improvements made to their room and a new carpet fitted. We would ask that all children attending Holly now bring in their own named slippers to wear while in the room, as we would like to keep the carpet free from outdoor shoes. If parents need to enter past the gate at any time, we will supply shoe covers. As the Autumn begins please may we ask that you **name all coats, jackets, jumpers and hats** if possible!

During our garden time, we feel it is important for the Holly children, **including non-walkers**, to have **full access** to the grassed areas during the winter, therefore would ask that all children **bring named wellies and waterproofs** to Holly.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lauren on the birth of her twin girls and wish them all the best.

We would also like to congratulate Laura on the birth of her little boy. Both members of staff will be returning after their maternity leave.

POTTY TRAINING – We are always available for help and advice about toilet training and are happy to guide you through the process before you start. Please do not hesitate to speak to Amber or your child's key person.

Parents Evening – Wednesday 17th October
7.00-8.30 pm (parents only)

Mulberry and Willow

A big welcome to our new children in the Mulberry and Willow Teams.

Topics this term for both rooms are, All about us, Autumn and Autumn Festivals, Cooking and Christmas.

The Willow Christmas concert will be taking place on **Friday 21st December, 10 am – 1 pm at Rowlands Castle Parish Hall**. Willow will remain open for those that usually attend, therefore you can, if you wish, drop your child back to nursery after 1 pm. Although the children are dropped off at 10 am, parents are invited back to watch the concert at 12.30 pm (doors open at 12.15 pm). A letter to explain more about it in more detail will go out after half term.

As Willow and Mulberry children are encouraged to be more independent at nursery, please could we ask that parents try and encourage their children to put their own shoes on at home (remember no laces please). All children will need **their own named welly boots**.

The **Tote Bags** given to each child must go home every day and be replenished with change of clothes as needed.

Parents Evening – Tuesday 16th October, 1st session 6.30 – 7.30 pm, 2nd session 7.45 – 8.45 pm. This evening will give more insight to the EYFS and give you an opportunity to look around the nursery. An invitation will follow shortly.

Water Bottles

For all children attending Mulberry and Willow, please could you bring a clearly **labelled** water bottle on a **daily** basis. We will return them each day to be cleaned at home.

Willow Team Jolly Phonics

We use the Jolly Phonics CD daily, if you wish to purchase, the details are: Jolly songs – **ISBN 1-84414-069-5**. Please could the children bring in their phonic bags daily. Thank you.

Funding

We would like to remind all parents who claim the additional 30 hour funding to revalidate your eligibility code **every 3 months** or it will stop!

Redwood

We collect from St James on Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays, if you wish to book places please speak to Aimee or the office.

Reminders to Parents

Importance of up-to-date contact numbers and emergency backup for collection

Please ensure you provide us with more than one

up-to-date contact number. We have found that it is not always possible to contact a parent on the phone line given and alternative numbers would be useful.

We would like to remind all parents how important it is to pick up your children at their **correct allocated times**. Even 5 minutes can have an impact on the routine with staff away from the children.

For those parents who are unable to collect from nursery, please remember you may phone your child's key person for feedback at any time.

Welly Boots and Outdoor Weather Gear

As I'm sure you are aware all children at the CLC have access to our outdoor area in all weathers. Please ensure they come to nursery with **named appropriate outdoor clothing**, including **named welly boots**, (please remember our labelling scheme). To ensure the pre-school children are given full opportunity to gain some independence in self-help skills, **please could all Willow and Mulberry children have labelled footwear they themselves can easily put on and remove i.e., no laces**. Thank you.

Lunches/Absence/Holidays

Please be aware that our cooked lunches are booked **2 weeks** in advance. We **will require 2 full weeks' notice to cancel** your lunches or unfortunately you will be charged.

If your child is sick or on holiday we would appreciate it if you could ring in to let us know as it saves us worrying and having to ring you.

It would also be very useful if we could have any planned family holiday dates in advance as this would also help with our own staff holiday planning. Thank you.

Car Park

Could I ask all parents to be aware when turning into the Centre that there may be pedestrians entering or leaving the site and to approach with caution. Also please **take care** while driving in the car park, as children could be there.

Office

Hayley is available to help with all enquiries Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00 am – 2.30 pm. She will be working on maintaining the vast number of lists we have that ensure the smooth running of the nursery and administrative functions.

Policies and Procedures

Please feel free to view our policies and procedures displayed on our 'Parents as Partners' board outside the main office and Willow cloak room area. We value your comments, so please don't hesitate to add them to each policy displayed. You can also find many of our policies on our website.

Data Protection

Childrens Learning Centre are dedicated to protecting and safeguarding your personal data. As part of this commitment we have updated our Data Protection and Privacy Statement in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). You can read our Data Protection and Privacy Statement on our website.

Nursery Objectives 2018/19

As our focus is on the EYFS

1. To use our EYFS Analysis Data to help identify our strengths and weaknesses and continue to move forward in our development.
2. Working together with parents/carers to support their child's learning both at home and nursery across all areas of the EYFS.

Term Dates for 2yrs 9mths until funded (if required)

Half Term : 22nd – 26th October

End of Term : 21st December

Spring Term : 3rd January – 5th April

Half Term : 18th – 22nd February

Summer Term : 22nd April – 23th July

Half Term : 27th – 31st May

Please note those parents who have **dropped** their session times to the minimum **during the holiday periods** must adhere to those times only. Many thanks

Dates for your diary

Holly's Parents Evening : Wednesday 17th October
7.00 – 8.30 pm

Willow and Mulberry Parents Evening: Tuesday
16th October, 1st session 6.30 – 7.30 pm, 2nd session
7.45 – 8.45 pm

Willow's Christmas Concert: Friday 21st December

Concept Photography: Wednesday 7th November
1.30 – 4.00 pm