

CHILDRENS LEARNING CENTRE SPRING NEWSLETTER



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A New Term

This is yet again an uncertain term, however at present we remain open to all children. We will keep you updated with any government changes as they happen. We also want to reassure you that we have very strict covid practise in place. We hope the children have settled back into the routine but if you have any concerns, then please speak to the staff. We would also like to welcome any new children and their families to the centre.

30 Hours Eligibility Code

An important reminder: All parents who are claiming extra 15 hours must remember to revalidate online every 12 weeks, failure to do so will mean extra funding will be removed. Please keep track as the weeks go by very quickly.

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE – For those parents who do not use work vouchers, please remember you can access: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to get £2 for every £8 childcare costs.

EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM (EYPP)
Some families may be entitled to extra funding that we can use to help support your child's development and enhance our learning environment for your child, including any additional training for staff to benefit your child's development. If you are claiming any form of benefits, you may be entitled. When your child is funded, more information can be found on your grant form. Please speak to Jacky or Hayley, if you think you are eligible.

Nursery Objectives 2021

As our focus is on the EYFS we will continue to:

1. To use our EYFS Analysis Data to help identify our strengths and weaknesses and continue to move forward in our development.
2. To monitor individual staff development and provide additional professional training, using analysis data.
3. Working together with parents/carers, especially during these times, to support their child's learning both at home and nursery across all areas of the EYFS. Using our website and home packs, where needed. (Any children choosing to stay of at the moment can contact us for a pack, if needed).

Pick up Times

A reminder to all parents of how important prompt pick up times are to us as a nursery, especially **11.55 am** and **3.55 pm**, as these determine staff breaks are completed on time to ensure ratios are maintained.

As I'm sure you are aware, especially on afternoon pick up times, we have more parents waiting on the yellow lines and it may take a little longer to get your children out to you. Thank you for your patience. We would also appreciate that children who remain here until **5.55 pm** are also picked up on time allowing for feedback. As I'm sure you are aware, we shut at **6 pm** and our staff also finish at this time.

Parent Observations

Please can we remind parents that we value any observations you make. We are really happy to receive observations, from home, no matter how small. Please remember to name and date each post-it. Thank you.

Holly

We would like wish Amber all the best, as she is due to have her baby this week. Lucie has now taken over as Holly manager until Ambers' return in November 2021. Becky Yalden is also due back this March and will be phasing in her working days throughout the summer term. We would like to welcome our new starters and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to Lucie or Jacky. During the 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.

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 if you have any concerns or queries.

Mulberry & Willow Team

We would like to welcome back all our Willow children from the Christmas break.

Congratulations to the Willow children for such a fantastic Christmas concert performance, we were so proud and hope you enjoyed the video.

Topics this term are; dinosaurs, space, cooking, lifecycles and life on the farm.

TOTE BAGS: Please can we remind all parents to bring your child's tote bag and remember to keep it topped up with spare clothes.

Reminders to Parents

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 3 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.

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 **appropriate outdoor clothing**, including **named** welly boots.

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 footwear they themselves can easily put on and remove i.e., velcro or slip on's no laces or buckles please.**

Sun Cream

Although it may seem a little too soon, we would like to ask that when the time comes, if ever, for sun cream this year, it would be a great help, if you were able to purchase the **'all day' sun cream**. This refers to any sun cream that will last **6 hours** or more. These creams were freely available last year and priced much the same as ordinary sun cream. We thank you for your help and support.

Sanitizing

Please can we remind all parents to sanitize all or your child's belongings before they come into nursery.

Social Distancing

Please ensure that social distancing remains in place as much as possible during drop off and pick-up times, especially with the little ones in Holly.

Covid-19

Please adhere to all our Covid-19 rules set out in the email sent to you during the first week back. If you have not received this email, please contact the office a.s.a.p.

We would also like to thank you all for your amazing support throughout this year, it means such a lot to us.

Car Park

Please could we ask all parents to take very special care when driving into and out of the car park at any time of the day. Many thanks.

Term Dates

Spring 2021 for term time only

Start: 4th January

Half-term: 15th – 19th February

End of term: 1st April

Summer 2021 for term time only

Start: 19th April

Half-term: 31st May – 4th June

End of term: 23rd July (TT)

End of year: 31st August (FT)

Term dates only apply to children attending term time (TT) only, if requested i.e., 2 yrs 9 mths up to funded age. All other children are full time (FT) either in our baby room or as stretched funded in our preschool.