

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHILDRENS LEARNING CENTRE

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



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A New Term

Welcome to the beginning of the term. I hope that you all have had a chance to enjoy 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 another 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 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

Welcome to all our new starters. As the Autumn begins, please may we ask that you **name all coats, jackets, jumpers and hats**.

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.

Lucie remains Manager of Holly and Amber will be returning part time in November to support her and also work more alongside Jacky with Centre Manager duties.

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 Lucie or Jacky.

Mulberry and Willow

A big welcome to our new children in the Mulberry and Willow Teams. We would also like to welcome our new member of staff Amy who worked for us many years ago and has returned to work with the blue group moving up to Willow for January.

Topics this term for both rooms are, All about us, Autumn and Autumn Festivals, Cooking and Christmas. All being well Willow are hoping to have their Christmas Concert on the stage at Rowlands Castle Parish Hall this year. We will confirm the date soon.

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.

As you are aware the Willow children have started their Jolly Phonics and are loving it. 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.

Water Bottles

It is essential that all children bring in their own water bottle from home at this time, please could they be clearly **labelled**, and they must be **collected each day** to be cleaned at home.

Redwood

We collect from St James on Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays, if you wish to book places please speak to the office. Jacky will now be responsible for the Redwood children throughout the evenings.

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 with the name of the person to contact.**

At present we are continuing to drop off and collect outside as usual, except 4.30 onwards parents, who may go into the cloak area and ring the bell. We will review 4.00pm pick up as we move into the winter.

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.

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!

Car Park

Could I ask all parents to take very special care when driving into the Centre as there could be queues of parents as you enter, especially around afternoon pick up time. Please approach with caution.

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.

Nursery Objectives 2021/22

As our focus is on the EYFS

1. To facilitate the new EYFS in our curriculum across all aspects of our nursery day.
2. To monitor individual staff development and provide additional training, within the new EYFS.
3. Working together with parents/carers to support their child's learning both at home and nursery across all areas of the EYFS. Please find a link to this on our home learning page on our website.

Support for Parents

If there are any parents that would like additional help and support regarding any aspect of their child's life at home, i.e. behaviour, sleeping etc, please do not hesitate to speak to Jacky.

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

Autumn 2021

Term time only: 1st Sept – 17th Dec

Full Time: 1st Sept – 22nd Dec

Half term – term time only: 25th – 29th October

Shutdown – 23rd Dec – 3rd January (inclusive)

Spring 2022

Start for all children: 4th January

Half term – term time only: 21st-25th February

Term time only end of term: 8th April

Summer 2022

Term time only: 25th April – 22nd July

Full Time: 1st April – 31st August

Half term – term time only: 30th May – 3rd June

(For those term time children who are not receiving funding and have opted for term time only)

Photographer

We will have a professional photographer here on the 5th November, more information will follow.

Parents Evening

We would very much like to go ahead with some kind of parents evening for all parents, around November, however we will see how the winter pans out with any future restrictions. Again, we will keep you posted.

Covid-19

Unfortunately, the months ahead bring coughs and colds. We ask that you continue to be extremely vigilant. Children can attend with a mild common cold, runny nose etc., however, **cannot** attend with a persistent cough and/or a high temperature of 37.8 or above as stated by Public Health England.

Under no circumstances can you ever give your child any form of Calpol, Nurofen or any other medication that will mask a high temperature **before attending nursery.**

Please read through our latest letter sent by email in September with all the details of our latest covid procedures. If you have not received this email, please contact us right away.

Thank you for your continued support as always.

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