



# TDDN Newsletter

## April 2019



**Easter Holidays for Grant Only Children –**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Nursery Closed:**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday – Bank Holiday**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Monday – Bank Holiday**

**Term Starts - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Vegetable planting at St Anne's – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Library Visit – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – 10am**

**Jo Jingles for Cubs and Tigers**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 – 11.30**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10.30 – 11.30**

**Thank you to all the parents that will be coming to our parents evening. We hope you will have all your questions answered and are able to contribute to your child's next steps and WOW moments. If you are not able to attend please ensure you speak to your child's key worker to arrange a time to share these important milestones.**

Thank you for coming to our Family Breakfast, we hope you got a chance to speak to Nicola from Healthy Smiles about tooth brushing and oral hygiene. If you are interested in the supervised brushing please speak to Miss Nafisa or Mr Dave.



### Investors in People Award

We have had our initial meeting with Viv our assessor and it was very successful. Viv will be visiting us again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. If you see her wandering about and have any questions please make sure you ask her.

Flying Start children's centres have a universal rolling programme of Family Links Nurturing programme and HENRY (Healthy Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young). Further information on these is available on the website.

<https://www.flyingstartluton.com/blog/2017/11/14/evidence-based-parenting-courses/>

**Have you seen our new menus?  
Why not speak to Mr Dave about  
any suggestions?**

We are happy to announce that we received our Transition Award on the 6<sup>th</sup> March.



Please add us as a friend on Facebook to keep up to date with topics, books and pictures...



We had our accreditation visit on the 13th March.

Here is some of the feedback we received:



#### Physical Activity

- It is clear that you are promoting physical activity to both children and families and we saw wonderful examples of quality P.E provision. It was great to see the staff engaging in the physical activity themselves and maximizing child participation.

#### Food and Health Education

- You provided us with lovely examples of what you were doing to help children learn about food, good oral health and the importance of staying physically active.
- During the lunchtime we observed, we were happy to see the staff providing lots of positive encouragement and talking about the health benefits of the food.

#### Working with Families

- It is clear that you have good relationships with parents and that you act on parent feedback.

## Mr David's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of our winter term is near, this is a moment when we stop and seek to carefully evaluate the progress your children have made during their playing and learning time at Training Depot.

Parents evening has been arranged for April 1<sup>st</sup>, we all very much hope there will be high attendance, allowing us an excellent opportunity to share all progress made by the children with you. We will look after your children during the conversations, we are willing to help with other siblings – older or younger if we are able.

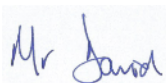
Grant only children will end their term on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Nursery remains very busy until then – we have the hatching caterpillars to look for, accompanied this week by our brood of hatching chickens in their incubators.... Parents, we know many of you are as, if not more, excited than your children. Please be sure to ask a member of our staff to show you them.

Looking ahead, our activities will include St Anne's visits with seed and vegetable planting, regular park and playground walks in warmer weather with our Turtle Bus and Jo Jingles our old friend returns with music making (instruments with practice) plus dancing and exercise.

Some great news to share – Training Depot Day Nursery was re-accredited in March 2019 by Family Food First (FFF). FFF is very important to us all – we are committed to helping our children better understand what good healthy food looks like, tastes like and just how much it helps each child in growing bigger and stronger while in many ways also maintaining a healthy life style. Thank you, Parents, for your support (Zero: sweets, cakes, crisps and for using fruit as a great alternative for birthday celebrations).

Together with our staff, I wish everyone a most enjoyable holiday between this term end and summer term beginning. Our children attending throughout the school holidays will continue their journey of learning through play.

Have a great Easter break!



PS. Helping your nursery with the difficulty of storing sometimes very large buggies, is much appreciated. Thank you.

### Messages from the Tigers and Cubs:

- Please ensure that all clothes and bags are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Encourage independence at home, by allowing your children to be putting on their own coats, shoes, etc.
- Shoes for nursery should have Velcro fastening, to aid independence. We discourage wellies.

**We hope you welcome Miss Charlotte to our team, she is working in the Tigers. she will be starting her qualification with us very soon.**



If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in Nursery – please no cakes, sweets or biscuits. Healthy options only, please speak to Mr Dave for more information.



From 1st July 2015, the **Prevent Duty** came into force and all childcare providers must have regard to **Prevent** people being drawn into terrorism. The **Early Years** Foundation Stage, Child Protection already states that 'Providers must be alert to any issues for concern in a child's life at home or elsewhere. Our Prevent officer is Mr David.

**The five British Values are:**

Democracy.

The rule of law.

Individual liberty.

Mutual respect.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

We have 5 standards of behaviour that are taught to the children. These are as follows:

1. We are kind to our friends
2. We take care of our toys
3. We listen to our teachers
4. We use indoor voices and walking feet
5. We tidy up our toys

Please help us to support your children following our rules.

## Policy Summary – Privacy Notice

The personal information held by Training Depot Day Nursery is provided by you as parents, from the complete application form. It comprises:

Contact details, including address, phone numbers and postal address

Dates of birth and National Insurance numbers

Languages spoken, health conditions and ethnicity

Your information is used to communicate with you and also as we claim the 15 and 30 hour grants from Luton Borough Council.

Additionally, we hold some data about your child:

The developmental progress as observed in the nursery, shared at parent's evenings and consultations

Behaviour or accident information, shared on the day for your signature

Your information is held securely and never shared without your permission. Information is retained for the minimum amount of time legally required of us. After this paper records are shredded and electronic data permanently deleted.

If you have any further questions, please speak to Mr Dave.

For those parents who wish to find out more about keeping their children safe online, please follow the link below.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>



### 30 Hours Funding

Did you know that you may be entitled to 30 hours free childcare from September?

Criteria includes:

- Your child has to be 3 or 4 years old.
  - Both parents must be working or the sole parent must be working in a lone parent family.
  - Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage. (For a parent aged 21-24 this would be approximately £111.20 per week. For a parent aged 25+ would be approximately £115.20 per week).
  - Each parent must have an annual income less than £100,000.00.
- You will be able to apply for the 30 hour scheme through a joint online application. The 30 hours can be particularly advantageous to those parents who struggle to find childcare over the holidays, as the hours can be spread over the year. Please see DfE website for more information.
- We will keep you up-to-date with any further information about applying online.

Parents of some two-year-olds are entitled to free childcare or early education for up to 15 hours per week (up to 570 hours per year) from the start of the term after the child's second birthday if their family gets 1 of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credits or Working Tax Credits and they have a gross annual income (before tax) of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you and your partner are on a low income from work (this usually means a combined income of less than £15,400 a year after tax)