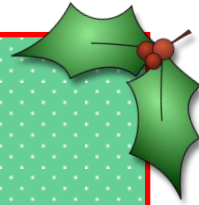




December 2019 Newsletter



Have you applied for a school for your child? The deadline is the 15th January 2020.
If you need advice please speak to our Deputy Managers.

As it is getting colder, please provide your children with appropriate clothing and ensure that they bring in: coats, hats, scarfs and gloves.
Also, please can you ensure that you have labelled your child's belongings.
Thank You

Please let the Office know if you child will not be in during the Christmas period!

Christmas Dates and Times
Sing and Sign for Cubs and Tigers (Lindsay)
Wednesday 4th - 10 to 11am
- 1:30 - 2:30pm
Christmas Performance and concert:
Tigers – Monday 9th 10am
Cubs – Tuesday 10th 10am
St Anne's – Wednesday 11th 10.30
Christmas Party and Lunch – Monday 16th December 10-1pm
Christmas Holidays for Grant Only Children –
Monday 23rd – Friday 3rd January 2020
Nursery Closed:
Wednesday 25th – Christmas Day
Thursday 26th – Boxing Day

Christmas Party and Lunch
Monday 16th December 10am -1:30pm.

The cost will be £5.00 for a Christmas dinner, a visit from Santa and a present.
If you would like your child to attend please speak to Mr Dave or Miss Jamila.

Please do not leave any medication in your child's bag, it must be bought into the office and a form must be completed. It is a Health and Safety issue.

Thank you to all the parents that attended Parents' Evening.

We received some wonderful comments, please read below: -

- Teachers are working hard
- Welcoming and professional
- Loved the set up
- I am happy because he is learning a lot
- This year the parents evening went well with the staff coming to call parents up – calmer, less rushed.
- Staff friendly and approachable
- More crafts to bring home
- I am happy with all areas, so far as my daughter is at the right level she is supposed to be at.
- Going electronically with daily updates and activities.
- All good for us

The majority of parents prefer emails for communications from Nursery. Please speak to Mr Dave in the Office if you have not yet signed up to receive emails.

Our responses to any requests from parents evening:

We emailed the EYFS strands and signing for emotions - if you have any questions, please speak to your key worker.

Please add us on FB and you will be able to view our activities

Please remember that it is your child's interest that we follow, we will encourage and try and get them involved in all areas of the room, therefore they may not always bring home artwork

Training Depot Day Nursery endeavours to stay open during snow days. If there is heavy snow and your child is not going to be in, please do telephone the Nursery as soon as possible.

Mr David's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

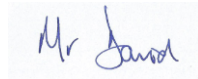
Please read and enjoy our Christmas Holiday newsletter – so much will be happening at Nursery. Place this newsletter where it is easily seen to know what is planned each day at a very busy time of year. Thank you to all our parents who kindly provided very helpful feedback reports to nursery at our Parents' Evening on Monday 11th November. Such opinions are greatly valued by everyone, especially your children's keyworkers.

Please book early for events happening in December to be certain we can find space for as many parents as possible, particularly for the Christmas Concert. We ask the same when having your children for Christmas lunch and their party, also for the visit of Father Christmas.

Many children are practicing their Christmas holiday songs and words – "Singing and Signing". This being a great opportunity to encourage them at home, to develop their speech and language skills. Please help.

More seriously, information is provided elsewhere, to highlight the importance of child immunisation against 'flu and other illnesses.

Everyone in our nursery team wishes to join with me on sending you our Very Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year.



December 2019

Summary of our Mobile Phone Policy

(Full version available on our website www.trainingdepot.co.uk)



At Training Depot Day Nursery parents are NOT ALLOWED to use their mobile phones when in the Nursery building. Parents are NOT permitted to make or take phone calls or use their mobile phones to take pictures or videos of their child or any child in the Nursery. The only exception to this is when there is a particular event i.e. at the Christmas concert, where permission has been given verbally from all parents/carers of the children present. The Manager will also remind parents that any photographs or videos taken must not be posted on internet / social media sites.

Parents are not allowed to take pictures or videos of the children in the garden area of the Nursery, again unless specific permission has been sought from the parents/carers of all children present and management has agreed. Staff are vigilant when in the garden area to check that no one outside the Nursery are using their mobile phones to take pictures or videos of the children.

Playing with your baby

Play is the main way that babies and toddlers learn about the world. With your help, it's also a wonderful way to support their language development.

- As a parent, you are your child's best playmate so try to spend time every day playing together.
- Newborns love physical play, especially when you gently tickle their face or count their fingers and toes.
- When your baby gets a little older and stronger, offer her lots of toys or things that are safe to go into her mouth, and talk about the objects for her.
- Make lots of play sounds to go with what's happening, like "brmm, brmm" as you push a car along. That way, your child will hear different speech sounds and learn that listening to voices is fun.
- Your baby will love hearing the same little rhymes and stories, and playing games like peek-a-boo, over and over again.
- You don't need lots of toys to play – your baby can play with safe, simple things around the house.

As your baby gets older, don't try to teach him anything during play. He will learn best if he chooses what to play and you follow his lead.

Has your child achieved something fantastic at home? Please use our WOW moments in the hallway to share this with us. Available in the parent's board in the hallway.

A REMINDER - ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

Please remember all children need to be collected by 6. If you would like an in-depth handover, please come 10 minutes earlier. Or book an appointment to speak to your child's Key Worker.



BETTER TOGETHER: FAMILY MEALTIMES



Family Food First Key message!

Immunisations

Flu Vaccinations

Each year the flu immunisation programme helps provide protection to individual children. Children under the age of five have the highest hospital admission rates for flu compared to other age groups.

The immunisation programme also reduces the spread of flu to their families, younger siblings, grandparents and the wider community, protecting others who are at increased risk of becoming seriously ill from flu. Vaccination is in the form of a nasal spray.

There are other ways you can limit the spread of flu:

- Wash hands regularly with soap and warm water
- use tissues to cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- put used tissues in a bin as soon as possible
- Regularly clean surfaces such as tables, and door handles which can also help to get rid of germs.



Pre School Boosters

Listed below are the pre-school immunisations every child will be offered at three years and four months of age. These immunisations protect against serious childhood diseases as children grow up and will "top up" their antibody levels from baby immunisations

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and polio (dTaP/IPV or DTaP/IPV)

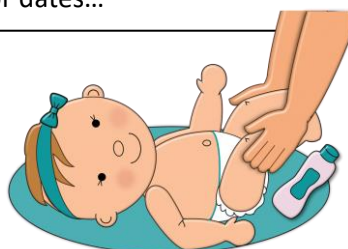
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)

When children attend for their pre-school immunisations it is important to make sure all their other immunisations are up to date. The GP practice will have a record of immunisations children have received.

One of our parents has offered to run a baby massage session for any of our parents with new babies. She is a qualified infant massage instructor and also works at the hospital as a midwife. Baby massage has many benefits for both parents and babies including bonding, relaxation, improving sleep, improving confidence, and helping to relieve common baby ailments like wind, colic, constipation and teething symptoms.

The session will be suitable for any babies over 6 weeks until they are crawling. It will run for 1 hour.

Please keep your eyes open for dates...



For those parents wondering what the extra activity fees pay for:

Lunch contribution

This is an annual contribution to the cost of providing meals for the 38 weeks of the academic year.

Activities provided by external agencies

- Active Luton providing physical activity sessions
- Sing and sign
- Dance with Active Luton
- Egg incubation and chicken rearing
- Jo Jingles singing and dancing
- Visits from the Vet
- Animal Adutainers
- Luton Town Football Club training sessions

Additionally, the nursery runs extra sessions to support the children and parents, for example:

- Family breakfast
- Christmas performance
- Cultural week
- Parent's evenings
- Planting and growing flowers and vegetables at St Anne's residential home
- Family tea
- Graduation day

Please note – this is not an exhaustive list, but it does give you examples of some of the fun activities we can arrange because of the extra activity fee.

Messages from the rooms...

From Cubs

Please label your child's coat, hat and gloves with their name

Please ensure that your child arrives in shoes that are sturdy enough for going outside. Shoes with Velcro will be fine, no slippers!

All medicines and creams are to be handed into the nursery office

The yellow TDDN bags are to be used, not bags from home

Please check the nappies and wipes board, your child's name will be added if we need more. The board is on the Cubs bathroom door

From Tigers

Please keep to your session times, ensuring that you are collecting prior to 6pm to allow for a handover conversation.

Children to be handed to staff, not left in the corridor at the start of a session

No hooped earrings to be worn

No bags from home

Bring your children in clothing appropriate for the weather and labelled with your child's name

Velcro fastened shoes please, not laces, to encourage the child in putting shoes on themselves

Please discourage children from taking home small toys from nursery. If you have any at home, please return them as soon as possible

Thanks to all who attended parent's evening, it was felt to be a positive event