

# TDDN Newsletter

## October 2021

**To encourage your children to be independent... PLEASE can you send them to Nursery in velcro shoes NOT laces. Thank you.**



We would like to take this opportunity to recognise Miss Sandhya, Miss Michelle and Miss Nafisa for their 15 years' service and their dedication to the children and parents that use our service.



**New Starter Questionnaires**  
Staff will be approaching you to complete a questionnaire to help us understand your experience of being a new parent / family with us. We love feedback and take it seriously, when reflecting on feedback we do make changes or have an informal conversation with you to explain the reason behind our procedures or practices. Any questions please ask!

**Celebrations**  
Please note that due to our commitment to promote healthy lifestyles through Family Food First. See below for alternative treats you may like to provide: -  
Stickers  
Bags of fruit – grapes, pineapple etc.  
Pencils or other stationary items  
Bags of plain popcorn  
No Birthday cake PLEASE!



We have had a great start to the new academic year. We still have a number of children still settling in which is normal, please don't worry. And it's also great to welcome back everyone else. We have had a busy month focusing on your child! We have spent time trying to get to know your child and their interest to help them feel more at home. You should be aware of your child's Key Worker by now. If you haven't yet met them, please email the Office and they will ensure that your child's Key Worker introduces themselves to you.

As your child's Key Worker works alongside them, they will speak to you if we feel they need additional help, to ensure we are putting in early help to ensure that progress is being made. This may involve us referring your child to other agencies, for example: Speech and Language Therapist. There is also the Edwin Lobo Centre which house a number of different experts under one roof. For all referrals you will be asked to sign consent forms. If you have any questions, please email [misssandhya@trainingdepot.co.uk](mailto:misssandhya@trainingdepot.co.uk) and we will be happy to help you.

Your child's Key Worker will also send home a WOW! Moment sheet, explaining what your child has achieved at nursery, with instructions of how you can help your child at home. This is an important part of you and your child's Key Worker working together, making sure that there is a focused approach.

We have started using the new curriculum, which will allow staff to spend more time providing your child with quality activities and less documentation.



**CLOTHING** - Please could you make sure that your child has a spare (named) change of clothes at Nursery. And please, NO hooped earrings.

## Mr David's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to everyone as we continue to receive further enrolments across our nursery rooms.

Tigers Room is for 3 year olds and 4 year olds with occasional 5 year olds. We are almost to our limit on places.

Cubs Room have some spaces remaining for babies of 10 months and more. We have been delighted by those joining us settling down so quickly. Our experienced have helped our new small starters very quickly, by encouraging them to enjoy games, numbers and stories while making many new friends themselves.

It may seem peculiar for many new children, that we should already be mentioning completing School applications for September 2022. It is important to note that the deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

October in Nursery looks very interesting! Music, rhyme and singing with Jo Jingles, a Culture Week: including favourite foods, games, snacks and dressing-up. Please all join in.

Finally, a further word about food. Miss Samaira has begun introducing new recipes, both our children, and members of staff have been much enjoying the changes.

Please do take a look at our newsletter article featuring:

Healthy Tips and Fussy Eaters!

We encourage you within our newsletter to take a look at our Healthy Tips and Fussy Eaters – which could hopefully prove helpful to all when choosing new types of food and tastes.

Do look for information on our two-year old progress check. We are required to provide parents of children between their second and third birthday a written summary of their progress and development.

Please ask us for more information.



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*Have we got your correct details? Please keep us up to date with any address/email or phone number changes.*



### **Starting school in September 2022 (for children born between 1/9/2017 – 31/8/2018)**

Parents of children born between 1/9/2017 to 31/8/2018 must apply for a school place for September 2022.

You must apply for a school place even if:

- you have already made an earlier application direct to the school
- your preferred school is not in Luton
- your preferred school is a faith school, a foundation school, an academy or a free school
- your child is attending a pre-school or early years class attached to your preferred school

It is really important that you read our 'how to apply for a school place for September 2022 guide' before making your application.

The closing date for applications to be considered in the initial allocation is **15 January 2022**.

All documents must also be provided by **15 January 2022**

Applications received after **15 January 2022** will be treated as late. Late applications will be processed in May/June 2022.

For more information please follow the link:

[https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education\\_and\\_learning/Schools\\_and\\_colleges/School%20admissions/transferring-to-a-new-school-or-academy/Pages/Starting-school-in-September.aspx](https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education_and_learning/Schools_and_colleges/School%20admissions/transferring-to-a-new-school-or-academy/Pages/Starting-school-in-September.aspx)

## Dates for your Diary - October dates

### Jo Jingles for Cubs and Tigers

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am

### Poetry Week - w/b 1<sup>st</sup> October

### Trips to the Park am/pm

### World Mental Health Day – 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Cultural Week** - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> (please dress your children in a cultural outfit throughout the week – Staff will be dressing up on the 18<sup>th</sup>).

### Halloween – 31<sup>st</sup> October

### Half Term Holiday for Grant Only Children –

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October



### Healthy Tips

*Don't add sugar to drinks and food given to babies and children.*

*Babies and children who cannot spit out after brushing, should have just a smear of family toothpaste on their brush.*

### Have you got children that are fussy eaters?

Fussy Eating Parent - Group Zoom Session for parents of children under 5:

Time: 10am to 11.30am

Dates: 4 October

For more information:

<https://www.flyingstartluton.com/whats-on-for-parents/flying-start-groups-services/>

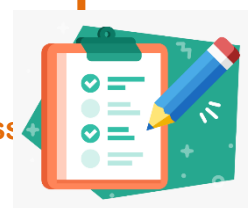
### MAKE HEALTHY SWAPS



SMALL CHANGES BIG DIFFERENCES

### Two-year-old Progress Check

All children who attend a setting will have a developmental check between their second and third birthday. The check helps your child key person to focus on your child's progress. You will receive a written summary about how your child is learning and developing. Please speak to your child's key worker if you have any concerns.





### *Messages from the Rooms:*

- *No photography or videos of the children when collecting or dropping off your child. This is a Safeguarding issue. If we do notice any parents doing this, we will contact the local SG office.*
- *Buggies in the garage - please ensure you fold them.*
- *Label all belongings and provide adequate supplies.*
- *Queuing at handover, please no pushing.*
- *Children are **not** allowed to bring toys from home and we do not take responsibility for any toys that are brought in and subsequently lost.*
- *No water bottles, children of this age should be using open cups to drink from. Bottles have a negative impact on teeth and speech development.*
- *Extra fees will apply if you are late picking up your child.*
- *No snacks from home please.*
- *Ring the doorbell once and wait please. Staff are busy delivering activities.*



### **The First Steps to Supporting a Child with Autism Spectrum Conditions**

**A workshop for parents/ carers**

This will be a relaxed session, specifically for parents and carers of children who are undiagnosed, newly diagnosed, or going through the diagnostic process. The session will consist of a 60 minute talk on Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), followed by an opportunity to hear from and share with other parents and carers, and gain information about local support and services.

**Day session:**  
Date: Tuesday 19th October 2021  
Time: Log in from 9:45am for a prompt 10am start, till 12:30pm

**Evening session:**  
Date: Tuesday 16th November 2021  
Time: Log in from 6:15pm for a prompt 6:30pm start, till 9pm

**To Book:**  
✉ [enquiries@autismbeds.org](mailto:enquiries@autismbeds.org)  
☎ 01234 214871

**£5**



The training will be online, using Zoom. Once booked on, we will provide you with the details to join.

