

Brentwood Day Nursery

Spring Newsletter 2022



The nursery is busy and active with children again! Its lovely to have the usual activities here at the nursery, please remember to keep the entrance area to one family at a time. If you would like a chat with Rachel or any other staff member please let us know as we have the office and can have longer discussions with you in this area.

We would like to invite parents/carers to attend **'stay and play sessions'**, this will be an activity where parents will join in and take part with the children. If this is something you are interested in, please speak to Chrissie to arrange a convenient time.

On Friday 25th March we will be holding a **Mother's Day afternoon tea** from 2pm until 3pm. Mothers or grandmothers (1 family member only please) are invited, please let a staff member know if you would like to attend.

If you have any positive **COVID** cases in your house, please let us know.

If you feel that **you need extra support**, please do let us know, we will do all we can to support you. The effects of lockdown have impacted on many people's mental health.

Please know you seek help if you feel you are struggling. Emergency contact numbers for Rachel and Chrissie can be found on the

weekly email update and on the board in the entrance area. Please do not hesitate to contact us out of hours in an emergency.



Please continue to follow the **guidelines and restrictions** in regards to pandemics. We are continuing to be cautious at the nursery to keep children and staff safe and well

Upcoming topic and events

Our topic for this term is 'People who help us'. **The events board** with the latest information is in the entrance foyer, please take time to look at it. We will also send a copy of the events board via email or Facebook.

We display **information on the main charities and events** in the foyer, please do take a look.

We will be sending electronic files of brochures, leaflets etc, as we realise that it is difficult for you to read these in the entrance area at the nursery.

Our **extra curricular activities** are enjoyed by the children;

Superstar Sports, French, and dance. Superstar Sports will be focusing on 'basketball' this half term. This provides great opportunities for children to extend their development and experiences. **Primary school applications** for September 2022 deadline was Saturday 15th January. Please let us know which primary school your child has been allocated when announced on the 19th April.

EYLog is our online journal, where you can get daily notifications.

We also use our **Facebook** page to share information. Please do remember to share your information, updates, photos of activities enjoyed with family by sharing this on the EYLog system or on the Facebook page. It helps us to see their development both at the nursery and at home and enables us to create a great personalised target for them with your help.

We have a selection of **nursery uniform** you may wish to purchase which includes t-shirts, and sweatshirts. T-shirts are £13 and sweatshirts are £17, please see Rachel for more details.



Staff news

***Billie** has joined the team on the apprentice scheme, she is looking forward to learning more about childcare and very excited to get to know all the children.

*We have a long **waiting list** and are looking to recruit another apprentice so that we are able to welcome more children to our nursery.

***Employee of the month** for December was awarded to Sue for her excellent cooking and wonderful Christmas party food

***Aysha**, who went on maternity leave last February sadly will not be returning to the nursery, as she would like to continue to spend time with her baby. She was an excellent, devoted team member and we will miss her.

At the end of every half term we hold **'developmental reviews'** to discuss next steps with parents. Next steps may include toilet transitioning, confidence building, speech and language. The next review is due week commencing 14th February, please chat to your keyworker to arrange a suitable time where you can attend an informal meeting.

