



Tree House Newsletter

July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We are halfway through the year already and fully into the swing of summer (although it hasn't felt like it lately)! You may have noticed our new play equipment in the garden - the children have really enjoyed exploring the new slides and tunnels - we just hope that some dryer weather is on the way so that we can spend more time out in the garden.

Mini Glastonbury

At the end of June, we had our very own Tree House festival and celebrated all things Glastonbury Style! The children took part in some fun activities – we had giant bubbles, tents, tattoo's, hair braids, games, music, lots of glitter, and our very own pyramid stage! We all had so much fun and the staff fully embraced the event, wearing wellies, festival gear, and of course glitter!

Permission forms

In September we will be sending home a permission form and 'all about me' form. This is so that we can update our permissions list and gain a little bit more information about your child, for example likes and dislikes, pets, etc.

Pre-School Leavers Party

Our annual Pre-school leavers party will take place on **Wednesday 23rd August from 2-4pm**. If you haven't done so already – please could you return the slip to let us know if your child is or isn't attending. (Please note that the party is for our **Pre-school** children that are leaving us to go to school).

Pre-school leavers

We would like to wish our Pre-school children that are starting School in September the very best of luck in their new adventure – we are sure that you will all be fabulous!

Little End movers

Some of our children at Little End will be moving up to Pre-school in September. Over the next few weeks, they will get to spend some time at Pre-school with their new Keyworker in preparation for September. Their current keyworker will not be far away so please don't fear – they will have a friendly and familiar face nearby. Please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

New Staff Member

Please welcome Sandra to Tree House! Sandra comes from Willow Nursery in Shepton Mallet and brings a wealth of experience to the team. Sandra will be working at Little End – please give Sandra a warm welcome when you see her.

Sessions

A polite reminder that the school day session is **8am-4pm**. Please do not drop off before 8 and collect no later than 4pm. Our morning plus lunch session ends at 1.30pm. Our ratios rely on these numbers being correct. This is also true of the 5.30pm collection. We close at 5.30pm and must have the premises empty by then. Failure to do so will result in not only late fines, but staff having to stay beyond our opening hours.

Concept Photography

Autumn will be here before you know it (yes, really) and Concept Photography will be visiting on **Tuesday 24th October** - save the date!

Nursery Closures

Our annual shut down week will be from **28th August to 1st September** – the nursery will be closed during this time, and we will re-open on **Monday 4th September**. For our children that attend Term Time – **Friday 21st July** will be the last day of term. For those of you eager to book Christmas off we will be closed from **25th December** and re-opening on Tuesday **2nd January**.

Medical Conditions

If your child has any known medical conditions or allergies – please could you inform your child's keyworker. We want to be able to work with parents to ensure that your child is receiving the best possible care and we need your co-operation to do this.

Clothes

The sun seems to be back for the moment - please ensure that you have a full change of clothes in your child's bag. We play outside a lot, use lots of paints for craft, and play in sand and water daily. Whilst we do everything we can to prevent as much mess as possible, sometimes, it's nice to get a little messy and accidents do happen. A full change of clothes is just a precautionary measure, should we have to change your child. Labelled clothes help us to identify any items of clothing quicker – just a simple initial is sufficient.

If your child is potty training – we especially need plenty of underwear and trousers etc.

Belongings from home

We know that some children love to show us their toys and belongings from home, and we love to see them. However, we do try and discourage items being brought into the nursery, purely for the fact that they may get lost or damaged, and the nursery cannot accept any responsibility if this does happen. Children who have comforters may bring these into nursery.

Nappies

Nappies can be brought into nursery either in your child's bag, or you can bring in a whole pack for us to keep. We will always endeavour to let you know when we are running low – please don't hesitate to check with a member of staff if you are unsure.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Our Tree House Safeguarding Champions are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: **EMMA KENNA**

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: **AMY PHILLIPS**

Please speak to the above members of staff if you have any concerns.

See it, think it? Report it.

As always - thank you for your continued support and co-operation , we hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!

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