



# Tree House Newsletter

March 2023

We hope this newsletter finds you well. With the hustle and bustle of Christmas well and truly over and spring just around the corner, we are looking forward to the warmer weather, lighter evenings, and making the most of the outdoors in our lovely garden. We are enjoying spring and Easter activities with the children - so keep your eyes peeled for some of the lovely creations that will be coming home!

## Safeguarding

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

Our Tree House Safeguarding Champions are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: **EMMA KENNA**

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: **ZOE MATTON**

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

See it, think it? Report it.

## Sessions

Over the past few months, our intake of children for pre-school and little end has increased significantly and we are now fully booked until September 2024. Should you wish to book in any extra sessions from September 2024, can you please let us know as soon as possible so that we can arrange this for you. We would rather spaces go to existing children in the first instance.

Just a gentle reminder that the school day session is 8am-4pm. Please do not drop off before 8 and collect no later than 4. 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

Concept photography will be visiting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. We will have a list nearer the time so that you can choose a slot for photos if your child is not in on this day.

## Nursery Closures

The nursery will be closed on **Easter Friday - 7<sup>th</sup> April** and **Easter Monday - 10<sup>th</sup> April**. We will also be closed on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** and **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. Please note that the nursery will remain **OPEN** on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. Our annual shutdown week will be from **28<sup>th</sup> August - 1<sup>st</sup> September**, re-opening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

For those of you keen to book Christmas off, we will be closed from **25<sup>th</sup> Dec**, opening back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

## Medicine/illness policy updates

We have had quite a few cases of conjunctivitis over the last couple of weeks. With conjunctivitis being so contagious, please keep your child at home if you can. Children can only attend nursery if they have eye drops and the eye area is generally ok (no persistent weeping). If your child has been provided with medication - it needs to be administered for 24hrs before they can come into nursery. Some Doctor's/Pharmacists may advise that your child is ok to return to nursery if they have been diagnosed with an ailment, however, please check with a member of staff prior to returning as we do have our own policies in place. Please note that a return to nursery after sickness or diarrhoea is 48hrs after the last incident.

### **Clothes**

Hopefully it won't be too long until the sun makes an appearance, however, for the meantime please make sure that clothes are weather appropriate. We spend a significant amount of time outside, so a warm weather coat is a must. 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.

### **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.

### **Food**

We have noticed that some children bring in items of food in the morning - whilst we don't mind, we do need to ensure that the food is completely nut free to reduce the risk to children with nut allergies.

### **Walking all over cancer**

The past 4 weeks Amy Phillips has been walking over 12000 steps a day! Amy would like to thank everybody that has donated to the cause. The total amount raised so far is £480! Amy will update you on the total next week.

At Tree House we have a completely open-door policy, where you can talk to us about anything. We are here for you, so if you have any concerns, comments or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff, or your child's key person.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation, we couldn't do it without you!

[www.treehousedaynursery.com](http://www.treehousedaynursery.com)  
[treehousedaynursery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:treehousedaynursery@yahoo.co.uk)  
[treehousewells@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:treehousewells@hotmail.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/treehousedaynursery](http://www.facebook.com/treehousedaynursery)  
01749 679637

Tree House Day Nursery  
School Lane  
South Horrington  
Wells  
Somerset  
BA5 3DL