

Newsletter 6

February 2020

Dear parents and carer's,

Most of our new families have settled in now. Thank you for ensuring that they all feel welcome and included in school life.

Staffing

Toni will be joining the staffing team in Ocean room on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until the end of the school year. She will enable staff to support children on a one to one basis. Toni was previously a student with us but is now one of our casual workers and will cover shifts during term times and holiday provision. She is a qualified education worker and we are pleased to include her in our team.

Tatiana is a student that has been with us for over year working in both baby and toddler rooms. This term she will be in Ocean Room whilst she completes her NVQ Level 3.

Fun Friday

Thank you to everyone who attended both Fun Fridays this term. The curry and quiz night was a big success and Ubah, Noorheza and Ruzi cooked some amazing food!

Last week saw lots of you attend our celebrations of stories for Fun Friday. Ocean room welcomed lots of parents but sadly, both baby and toddler rooms did not have such a good turnout.

Attendance

Please remember to call the school office if your child will be absent from school. Although under 5's education is not statutory, we are still required by Ofsted to promote attendance and work towards **97% attendance. Last term children's attendance was 87%.**

Blossom

By now, all of you should have log in details for our online record keeping system called Blossom. Staff routinely observe your children and make notes on 'significant' achievement and progress that your children make. We have agreed that all children will receive at least one observation per week that is visible to parents so that you are kept up to date with what your children are doing in school. Some staff have up to 16 key children and making 1 observation per week is manageable. Any more than this, staff would be spending more time recording what children are doing, than actually spending valuable time with them, teaching them new skills, concepts and sharing knowledge. If you feel that the information that you receive about your child is not sufficient via Blossom, please do speak to your child's key person as they will be more than happy to arrange a time to chat with you.

We have lots of exciting activities and other events also planned for this term and the year ahead. Important dates are below.

Saturday 14 th March	Saturday Stay and Play
Monday 16 th March	INSET day SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 3 rd April	Fun Friday: Easter crafts
Monday 6 th April - Friday 17 th April	School closed for TTO only children
Saturday 18 th April	Saturday Stay and Play
Saturday 25 th April	Easter Fun Day 11am-3pm
Monday 27 th April	Development Morning (school closed 8am-10am)
Saturday 16 th May	Saturday Stay and Play
Friday 22 nd May	Fun Friday : School sports
Monday 25 th - Friday 25 th May	Half term for TTO children
Saturday 13 th June	Saturday Stay and Play
Thursday 18 th June	Development Morning (school closed 8am-10am)
Friday 26 th June	Fun Friday: 90 th Birthday celebrations
Saturday 11 th July	Saturday Stay and Play
Monday 20 th July	Graduation party for leavers
Tuesday 21 st July	INSET SCHOOL CLOSED
Saturday 8 th August	Saturday Stay and Play