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SUNBEAM FAMILY SERVICES T/A

Sugar Plum Tree Nursery

AUTUMN/WINTER NEWSLETTER – 2023/24



A Warm Welcome!

Hello to all our parents and carers!

As we approach the winter season, we hope this newsletter finds everyone in good spirits and health. We are excited to share the variety of activities and events that we have planned for the nursery in the up and coming months. Please read through our newsletter to help keep you up-to-date with all the exciting things that we have been doing and that we have planned for the autumn and winter period.



Nursery Fees Increase

We just wanted to make all parents and carers aware that our nursery fees will increase as of 01/04/2024.

We have made the decision to increase our nursery fees due to the rise in the National Minimum Wage from April 2024. Our fee increase will enable us to continue to provide a first-rate service, providing excellent care which is led by a highly qualified and experienced team. As always, we have made every effort to keep our fee increase to a minimum. The new fees will be available to view on the website by 1st February 2024.

Important dates for your diary

Bank Holiday Closures 2023/24	Mon 25 th December, Tue 26 th December 2023 Mon 1 st January 2024, Fri 29 th March 2024 Mon 1 st April 2024, Mon 6 th May 2024, Mon 27 th May 2024 Mon 26 th August 2024, Wed 25 th December 2024, Thu 26 th December 2024
Annual Summer Closures 2024	Nursery closed for summer break from: Monday 4 th August – Friday 9 th August 2024 Children will return on Monday 12 th August 2024
Staff Inset Day 2024	Tues 2 nd Jan 2024 Mon 8 th April 2024 Tues 28 th May 2024
Christmas Closures 2023	Wednesday 27 th Dec 2023 – Friday 29 th Dec 2023 Nursery will be closing at 4:30 pm on Friday 22nd December 2023

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela

The Cold Weather is Here!

Winter is fast approaching! Here at Sunbeam Family Services Ltd t/a Sugar Plum Tree Nursery, we know that learning about the different seasons is an important part of every child's learning journey.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) includes an area of learning called 'Understanding the World', which encourages the children to experiment and explore the natural world around them. This time of year, promises to bring changes in the life cycles of plants and animals, as well as differences in the weather, such as snow and frost.

In order to enable the children to make the most of the outdoors, we are asking all parents and carers to please make sure that each child has a warm coat, hat, gloves, scarf and a change clothes. Please also provide your child with a pair of wellie boots labelled with their name. If your child does not have these, they will not be able to go outside on very cold days.



Nursery Transitions!

We recently hosted two important gatherings here at the nursery, a transition meeting and a coffee morning. Both focused on two upcoming moves:

1. The children's transition from Erskine site (Dragonfly group) to Greenleaf site (Caterpillars/Butterfly groups)
2. The transition of our Ladybird Room into the Greenleaf Site Butterfly Room.

These sessions provided the opportunity to discuss our progress, plans and our aims to enable smooth transitions within our setting for the children. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and carers who attended. Your engagement, feedback and understanding are invaluable.

Should you have any lingering queries or questions, please feel free to reach out to the management team.



Christmas Celebrations at the Nursery

Recently we have been really getting into the festive spirit and as you can see the celebrations have already started! On Thursday 30th November, Greenleaf site was filled with music as our children presented an amazing Christmas performance. They were so excited to show all the parents what they had planned! The festivities continued on Thursday 7th December with a special Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day at both sites. These were the perfect occasions for us all to come together and enjoy the season's cheer. Also, on Wednesday 13th December 2023, there will be a Christmas performance at the Erskine site too! We are ready to make this as memorable as possible for all the children and their families by singing some exciting Christmas songs.



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Graduation Ceremony

The nursery organised a graduation ceremony on Thursday 20th July 2023. We celebrated the graduation of our Butterfly Group Children! Parents came and were treated to a delightful performance by the children.

It is hard saying goodbye to the children as they move on to the next stage of their learning journey by transitioning on to 'big school', but we are so proud of them as they start their next chapter. Each child received a medal, graduation certificate and a poster from us as a memorable token of their time here at nursery. We would like to wish all the children many happy new adventures!



Black History Month Celebrations

October & November are special months for us at nursery, as we honour Black History Month and celebrate African culture with a series of engaging and educational activities.

This year on Friday 3rd November, the children took part in African drumming workshops with Seneke from Mbilla Art. This was an immersive experience that not only taught the children about rhythm and beats, but also about the rich traditions from which this music originates. We also had a delicious dinner to explore the flavours and tastes from traditional African dishes!

In addition, the children and staff wore their own cultural clothing. This was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to represent, express and celebrate the nursery's rich cultural diversity.

As we delved into the stories and achievements that shape Black History, our aim was to foster an understanding and respect for diversity and inclusion for the children. We love it when our nursery community honours all our differences and celebrates the amazing things that come from valuing every culture and background.



Chinese New Year Activity

Saturday 10th February 2024 is Chinese New Year. As it will be the Year of the Dragon, we will be planning lots of fun activities. Why not try this activity at home to celebrate?



You will need:

2 Wooden spoons, felt tip pens, string, ribbons or strips of paper

Instructions:

1. Cut the string to into a length of about 30 to 40cms and tie it to both wooden spoons.
2. Use the felt tip pens to draw the eyes, nose and mouth on to one of the spoons to make the head.
3. Decorate the body by tying on strips of ribbon or colourful paper to the string.
4. Once you have decorated the body, you can move the spoons to make the dragon dance.

Upcoming Ramadan Celebrations



We will celebrate Ramadan in March 2024, by planning a range of fun activities for the children to learn about this important time in the Islamic calendar. The children will participate in storytelling, making Eid cards and by engaging in creative activities with key symbols, such as moons and stars.

These activities form part of our commitment to promoting and nurturing inclusivity and respect for diverse faiths.

On **Wednesday 10th April 2024**, we will have a special dinner to mark Eid and the end of Ramadan. This is a chance for everyone to celebrate and enjoy our cultural diversity.

Dec 2023 – Jan 2025

Nursery Calendar

Key:						
Normal Nursery Day						
National Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)						
Christmas/New Year Break (Nursery Closed)						
Annual Summer Break (Nursery Closed)						
Staff Inset Day (Nursery Closed)						

December 2023						
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Annual Summer Break – 5th August 2024 – 9th August 2024

Annual Christmas Closures: Fri 27th Dec 2023 – Tues 31st Dec 2023

Next Year: Please note the nursery will close at 4:30 PM on Tuesday 24th December 2024

Staff Inset Days - The nursery will close for staff inset days on: Tues 2nd Jan 2024, Mon 8th April 2024, Tues 28th May 2024, Thu 2nd January 2025

National Bank Holidays - The nursery will close for ALL national bank holidays (See next column).

Nursery Fees - Nursery fees remain payable for ALL closures.

National Bank Holidays

- Monday 25th December 2023 - Christmas Day
- Tuesday 26th December 2023 - Boxing Day
- Monday 1st January 2024 - New Year's Day
- Friday 29th March 2024 - Good Friday
- Monday 1st April 2024 - Easter Monday
- Monday 6th May 2024 - May Day Holiday
- Monday 27th May 2024 - Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 26th August 2024 - Summer Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 25th December 2024 - Christmas Day
- Thursday 26th December 2024 - Boxing Day
- Wednesday 1st January 2025 - New Year's Day