



Newsletter

January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to welcome all our families back to nursery after the Christmas holidays and welcome all our new starters and their families. All our children have settled back into the nursery routine. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for our generous gifts over the Christmas period.

Key Person

We are in the process of assigning new children with their key person who will be responsible for completing your child's learning journey with observations, written and also photos. A member of staff will inform you when this has been decided. We wait a few weeks to ensure attachments are made between the member of staff and your child before assigning a key member of staff.

Attendance

Children are not required to attend nursery; however, we strongly advise that you bring your child into nursery. Children like routine and by children missing sessions can cause upset for both the child and the parent. There are many benefits to your child attending nursery such as developing social skills, making friends, supporting potty/toilet training, encouraging your child to play with their friends, on their own and with their key person, preparing them for their next steps in life such as school. If your child receives a funded place, the nursery monitors attendance for safeguarding purposes. Please inform nursery should your child not attend nursery.

Snack Policy

As per our policy we do not provide children with raw carrot or grapes in the nursery, due to the risk of choking. Please refrain from putting these foods in your child's lunch box.

Policies

We would encourage you to familiarise yourselves with the policies and these are available to look at in the nursery (please ask a member of staff). A list of all our policies are detailed on the 'Parent Board' and these can also be accessed by looking on our website page 'thelifenursery.co.uk'.

Facebook Page

Nursery have their own facebook page 'The Life Nursery' - this is updated on a regular basis to keep you informed of what is happening in nursery, important dates and events and photos. Please be assured only children with signed consent will be put onto the page.

Nappy Changing and Spare Clothes

Please ensure you check your child's bag and provide enough nappies, wipes and nappy bags. We ask that before coming to nursery, children have had their nappies changed. Please also ensure your child has spare clothes in their bag (as our spare clothing is limited), as children have access to paint, water and other messy activities. Please do not bring your child to nursery in their best clothes as the nursery will not be held responsible for any clothing which gets stained. Please can you ensure you bring into nursery wellies for your child to wear outdoors (as outdoor play is accessible in all weathers).

Take Home Box

Please take a look in our take home box which is located near the entrance of nursery. This is where your child's work and information is kept in your child's file.

Jewellery

Please do not bring your child into nursery wearing necklaces and hooped ear-rings. Children must wear stud ear-rings due to health and safety reasons.

Home Learning

This month we are focusing on our families. Please could you bring family photographs for our display board.

Polite Notice

When waiting outside for the session to start, we ask that you please discourage your child from banging on the nursery windows and also licking them, walking on the nursery garden plants, picking the nursery garden plants and climbing on the fence.

Ofsted Report

The 'Outstanding' Ofsted report is available to read on the parent notice board and also on our website.

<u>Dates for your Diary</u>

Nursery Closes - Friday 14th February and will re-open on Monday 24th February 2020. Song/Story Session - W.c 10^{th} February at 11.10am and 2.30pm - come and join in with your child

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to Louise or your key person.

Many thanks

Mrs Louise Gray Nursery Manager