



## Newsletter

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all have had a wonderful Summer holiday. All the children have settled back into the nursery routine and we are looking forward to our Autumn Term which is always a busy one.

### Staff

We would like to introduce our Directors and Early Years Team.

- Louise Gray, Director and Manager – (Level 6) BA Childhood Studies with Early Years Professional Status and Level 3 SENCO and Safeguarding Lead
- Andrew McNamara - Director
- Kirsty Beck, Deputy Manager – (Level 3) and Level 3 SENCO and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Demi McDonald – Early Years Practitioner (Level 3)
- Tayyabah Kauser – Early Years Practitioner (Level 3) - working towards (Level 5) Early Years Lead
- Chloe Whitehead - Early Years Apprentice – working towards (Level 3)
- Sadhia Younis – Early Years Practitioner

Fees – Please note that all fees should be paid by the end of each week either by bank transfer or by card at nursery. If this does not happen, your child will not be able to attend any further paid sessions.

### **OUR BD4 CIC**

#### **Natwest**

**Account Number: 38813165**

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### Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENCO

Designated Safeguarding Lead for the Nursery is Louise Gray (Manager and Director)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for the Nursery is Kirsty Beck (Deputy Manager)

Our SENCO's for the nursery are Louise and Kirsty and have gained their Level 3 SENCO qualification.

### Spare Clothes/Nappies/Wipes

Please ensure your child comes to nursery with the appropriate clothing eg coat, named suncream, wellies. Spare clothes to be kept at nursery are always recommended due to children having access to water, messy play and outdoor play in all weathers. All bags brought into nursery MUST be safe eg no drawstring or plastic bags.

### Names

Please ensure your child's name is on their coats, spare clothes, bags, wellies and suncream as we have experienced many children coming into nursery with the same coat or lunch box as their friends.

### Bags

We kindly ask if children's bags can be left at nursery and not taken home each day. This hopefully will minimise disruption when children are going home.

### Jewellery

Please do not bring your child into nursery wearing necklaces, hooped ear-rings and bracelets. Children must wear stud ear-rings due to health and safety reasons. Children will not be able to attend nursery wearing these, due to these getting lost and also injury whilst playing.

### Footwear

We do not allow crocs to be worn in nursery due to the number of children running and falling. Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear.

### Lunches and Snack Time

We promote healthy eating in the nursery. Children are provided with milk, fruit, toast, yogurt, crumpets, cereal and milk for snack time. Children have access to fresh drinking water.

We ask that you **DO NOT** bring water bottles in from home!

We ask that healthy lunch boxes are provided. Our policy states that grapes, carrots, popcorn and cooked sausages are not included to avoid choking.

#### Nuts

We would like to inform you all that we have a child in nursery with a nut allergy. Under no circumstances should any form of nut be brought into nursery. All lunch boxes will be monitored.

#### Comforters

Toys, teddies and blankets from home are not allowed in the nursery. Children can become distressed if they forget to take them home, if they get broken or if another child plays with them. If children have toys at the gate, parents will be asked to take the toy off their child. In exceptional circumstances, children will be able to bring a comforter into nursery.

#### Illness

If your child is ill or have a temperature, they **MUST NOT** attend nursery. In addition, if your child is having calpol, they should not attend nursery. Please make yourself aware of our sickness policy in relation to other illnesses eg diarrhoea and sickness.

#### Home Learning

We continue to work closely with parents/carers and hope you will support your child in doing a little bit of homework. Home learning sheets will be sent home with your child each month.

#### Library

We have our own library whereby children are invited to choose a book in nursery to take home to read with their family. We ask that this is returned to nursery when read to enable your child to choose another.

#### Story Time

We will shortly be inviting parents/carers into nursery to join us for our story time sessions which we will be holding once a month. This will be on an ad-hoc basis and we will speak to parents/carers the week that we are holding these.

#### Website and Facebook

We ask that you all familiarise yourself with the policies which can be found on our website 'The Life Nursery' scroll down to the bottom to downloads. All important information can be found here. We also have our facebook page which is kept up to date with what is happening in the nursery. No photos of children will be put on facebook.

#### Parent Consultations

These are held each term. The first one will take place in November in order for you to be kept updated on your child's progress and further information will be sent out nearer the time. However, should you wish to speak to a member of staff, please feel free to do so.

#### Keyperson

We will shortly be assigning your child with a key person. For more information, please see our key person policy on our website. You will receive information about this within the next couple of weeks.

#### Defibrillator in Nursery

Just to let you all know that we have a defib in nursery which can be used on both adults and children.

#### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Finish for half-term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Nursery re-opens

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact contact Louise through email:- [louise@thelifenursery.co.uk](mailto:louise@thelifenursery.co.uk) or facebook messenger.

Many thanks

Mrs Louise Gray, Nursery Manager