



Nursery Newsletter March 2018

We would like to welcome all the lovely new families who have joined us over the past few months.

Staffing

We say farewell to Laura Allison (a Senior Under 2's Room Leader) on 13th April as she relocates to Leeds to start a new Senior position. We wish her all the best for the future and she will be missed at Josephs.

Sarah will return to us on 5th April as Senior Under 2's Room Leader/Deputy Manager (part-time Thursday and Fridays.)

Charlotte will be leaving us at the end of June to start her maternity leave.

Training

Naomi is currently doing EYITT training (early years initial teacher training) to become qualified as an Early Years' Teacher. Naomi will have designated time during the week to study and will have placement time each month to complete her course.

Dates for your diary

Father's Day Stay and Play: Wednesday 13th
June 2.15-3.15pm

Baby Buttercups

As the garden has been affected by recent bad weather, we have found it difficult to get outside. However, over the past few weeks the Baby Buttercups have enjoyed going on lots of lovely Spring walks. We have enjoyed visiting Homestead Park, The Museum Gardens and seeing the ducks and boats down by the river.

We have enjoyed going down to the Forest School, digging in the mud, collecting leaves, having stories around the pretend bonfire and looking for insects and creepy crawlies.

We had lots of fun celebrating Chinese New year in February where we decorated Chinese fans, dragons and enjoyed getting messy with noodle play!

For Saint Patrick's Day, we celebrated it by splashing in

green water and making green sticky pictures and paintings.

We have been making a beautiful 'Spring' display board where the babies have made some Easter eggs, butterflies, flowers and bees by using various craft materials.

Other activities we have enjoyed are: water play, making sensory dark dens with lights and mirrors, slide painting, lots of baking, singing with song bags, giant floor paintings, sensory trails and having fun in the tents, tunnels, giant soft blocks and ball pool!



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Dancing Daisies and Super Sunflowers

The Super Sunflowers and Dancing Daisies have enjoyed going on a few walks recently. We have been to Homestead park a couple of times and to the library to get some books and to have a little play in the park.

We have learnt lots during Chinese New Year, we learnt how to say hello in Chinese and even got to try some Chinese food which was very yummy.

We are really enjoying learning Spanish with Sam and are using some Spanish words throughout the day.

We have also been relaxing by doing some Yoga and meditation. We are getting very good at some of the Yoga positions, one of our favourites is the 'downward dog'.

Occupancy

The nursery occupancy has dramatically increased. We now have very limited availability in both rooms.

If you are thinking of increasing your hours please could you let Renate, Charlotte, Sarah or Delta know as soon as possible so we can check if we have availability.

Please can I remind you all that the notice period for leaving or reducing sessions is 2 months' written notice.

30 hours' funding

If you are eligible for 30 hours' funding, please remember to log onto your account every 3 months to confirm your eligibility. If you don't log in it will affect us being able to claim funding for your child.

If your child is eligible for funding from September, we will need you to provide us with your 11-digit eligibility code that you will

receive from the council and your national insurance number. We will also need to see your child's birth certificate or passport to prove their date of birth please. Thank you.

Bags, Toys, food & drink from home

Please can we make sure that your child's bag is not a 'drawstring' one for safety reasons. Also no food, drink or plastic bags should be stored in them please. Food and drink from home should not be brought into nursery, only under 2's bottled milk. The reason for this is due to children's allergies.

Please only send in your child's named 'comforter' if needed. No other toys should be brought in to nursery because they can get lost or broken.

Tapestry

We would love to see more parents uploading photos to tapestry of what the children have been doing at home or on holiday! It helps us to plan exciting activities



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around the children's interests and 'next steps'. Please let a member of staff know if you are having trouble logging-in ☺

We welcome new ideas and involvement in nursery life from parents and carers. If you would like to discuss any ideas please do not hesitate to speak to me or email josephs@yorkchildcare.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Renate and the Team.