



## Nursery Newsletter January 2019

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

### Staffing

Laura Bowles has now returned from maternity leave and has a part time role in Head Office as Administrative Assistant and Business Support we would like to wish Laura every success in her new career.

I would like to confirm that I am now the permanent manager at Josephs. I feel that I have met many of you already but if not then please come and say hi my office door is always open!

I would also like to welcome Charlotte in the Over 2's room and Ellie in the Under 2's. They both have their Level 3 certificate in childhood education and are Early Years Practitioners.

### Training

Laura has attended a Maths course. Karen is due to attend a safeguarding course, in February, as she

will be the new safeguarding lead. Delta is due to start her Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator training in February. We also have an exciting Froebel training course in February run by Early Education which we are hosting here at Josephs. Froebel founded the term "Kindergarten" and he has been a great influence in lots of the beliefs behind the Early Years Statutory Framework.

### Baby Buttercups

The Baby Buttercups have been having lots of fun making animals for the jungle area. We have been loving the colour sensory tactile trays so Alison bought us lots of different colours for us to use. We enjoyed reading the Gruffalo and have helped to make the characters in the story. We have been going regularly to the Forest School and have noticed how it changes in different weathers and seasons. The babies have been doing lots of activities with lights and

sounds and exploring different colours and learning new songs.

**Baby Buttercups:** Katie, Sarah, Ellie, Laura, Alison, Ellie, Emma and Melissa😊

### Dancing Daisies and Super Sunflowers

The Dancing Daisies have started Toddler sessions in the annex or up at the Forest school. These are for our younger two year olds and we join up with the older children from the Baby Buttercups. They have loved playing with the new musical instruments and sensory lights.

The Super Sunflowers have been benefitting from more dedicated pre-school time. They have been able to use the scissors more and have been learning how to write their names. We now have a **Self Registration Post Box**. On arrival please can you encourage your child/children to find their photo with their name on it and to post it in the box.



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This will support the children in recognising their names. They have also been baking up to twice a week and have loved trying new foods and making their own snacks.

Please can you check your child's artwork drawers as they are getting full.

**Dancing Daisies and Super Sunflowers: Delta, Claire, Kirsty, Sue, Michelle, Charlotte** 😊

### Occupancy

The nursery occupancy is increasing. We have limited availability in the Under 2's room, but more availability in the Over 2's room from September.

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.

### Bags, Toys, food & drink from home

We have a number of children with food allergies in our nursery so please do not bring in food from home unless it is the Under 2's bottled milk. As we do have a number of children with different allergies. If your child has missed their breakfast then we do have lots of different food here that they can choose from.

### Winter Clothes

Please can you bring your child to nursery with a warm labelled winter coat and hat and gloves if necessary. We aim to visit our Forest School as much as possible so a pair of wellies would be good too as we do not have many spare at nursery.

### Tapestry

A big thank you to all the parents that upload photos

onto Tapestry of what your children have been doing at home. We love to see what you have been getting up to and it does help us to identify children's interests and 'next steps.'

### We need you!

Do you have an interesting occupation that you could share with the children? Children learn most from first hand experiences and it would be great if we could get some parents to show/tell children what they do when they are at work.

As a new manager I do have lots of ideas for Josephs nursery if you have something that you would like to see at Josephs then do not hesitate to contact me either by email or in person.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Karen and the Team.