

SUFFIELD PARK NURSERY NEWSLETTER



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A Message From the Nursery Team...

We are having an exciting Summer Term, especially now that the sun has begun to shine! Please could we take this opportunity to say a huge thank you from all of the Nursery Team for your on-going support during the year. We continue to feel incredibly fortunate to work with your amazing children! There are lots of exciting events happening this term at Nursery and we hope you will be able to join us for them! If your child is starting in Reception in September please look out for a separate letter with information about planned activities to support their transition, the end of term trip to Norwich Playhouse and the Nursery Leaver's Celebration.

Next Year

We are busy making plans for the next academic year. If your child is staying with us in September and you were hoping to change their sessions or increase their hours please speak to Hayley or Kerry in the office as soon as possible. Places are filling fast but we will do our best to help you!



May we remind you...

Cubbyholes

Please check your child's cubbyhole above their coat peg. We sometimes put important information in there and of course their lovely drawings and artwork.

Stairs

Please ensure that you and your children do not wait on or block the stairs at the beginning and the end of Nursery sessions. The stairs do become slippery when they are wet so please take extra care in these conditions.

Late Collection

We understand that there could be rare occasions when you may be late to collect your child due to circumstances beyond your control. However, it is our expectation that you will contact us to inform us of this or any alternative arrangements made.

Unfortunately, late collection of children has a cost implication for the Nursery due to changing staffing levels for the different sessions and it is therefore necessary to charge parents/carers £5 for every fifteen minutes that the child remains in our care outside their session times.

Office Hours

If you need to get in touch with staff at the Nursery for any reason they are available on the telephone number above between 7.30am and 5.30pm, Monday-Friday.





Sun Safety

We work hard to promote sun safety at Nursery with the children and many of them are able to tell us what they need to do in order to keep safe. We would appreciate your support with this.

Sun Cream

Now that we are finally experiencing some sunshine please can we remind you that it is our expectation that parents/carers will **apply sun cream to their child's skin before their Nursery session**; staff will reapply sun cream as necessary throughout the day. We will use the Nursery sun cream unless you advise us that your child needs to use their own due to an allergy or skin sensitivity.

Sun Hats

All children will have to wear a sunhat whilst outside at Nursery in order to remain safe in the sun (please send a named hat).

Shoulders

We ask that you ensure that your child's shoulders are covered to reduce exposure and harm to their sensitive skin.

Shoes

Please could we ask that children wear closed toe shoes at Nursery rather than sandals. This is to avoid injury particularly when they are taking part in activities such as riding bikes and building with our large wooden blocks. Additionally we are using the woods more frequently and it is essential that shoes are worn in this environment.

Drinks

We always encourage the children to drink during their Nursery sessions but this becomes even more important during the warmer weather when young children are more vulnerable to the effects of dehydration. The children have access to drinking water at all times at Nursery and are offered a choice of milk or water at snack time. Additionally the children may bring their own drinks bottle from home. Please could we ask that bottles are named. **We also ask that fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not provided.**



New School Building- Grand Opening and Summer Fayre

As some of you will be aware we are fortunate to have a beautiful, brand new school building for our Year 1 and 2 children. The official opening of this building will be on Friday 22nd June- Nursery parents and their children are warmly invited to attend a celebratory picnic lunch on the school field which will be followed by the Summer Fayre (please note that the children will be the responsibility of their parents). Throughout the afternoon there will be opportunities to have a tour of the school which will be a great chance to meet school staff and see what a fantastic learning environment we have here at Suffield Park. Please look out for a letter from Mrs Stewart with further information about this event.

If you are able to help at the Summer Fayre, even if this is just for an hour, please let Hayley or Kerry L know. We are collecting donations of chocolate and teddy bears to support the fayre.



Father's Day Celebrations- Superheroes in the Woods



In recognition of Father's Day we would like to invite any Dad, Step-Dad, Grandad, Uncle, Brother, Neighbour or Friend of our children to the Nursery for a session in our on-site woodland! You will take part in different superhero-themed activities and have a special snack around the fire.

The sessions will be held on:

Monday 11th June at 2pm

Tuesday 12th June at 10.45am

Wednesday 13th June at 10.45am and 2pm

Please sign up on the posters in the Nursery to guarantee your place.

Don't worry if these events are on a day your child does not attend you are very welcome to join us!



Maths Week



We are very excited about our Nursery Maths Week which will take place during the week of 25th June. During the week, parents/carers are invited to come in and join the children, engaging in a variety of maths-based activities which Laura and Lynsey are organising. Look out for yet another sign-up sheet nearer the time!

The parent/career sessions will take place as follows:

Tuesday 26th June, 10.45am

Wednesday 27th June, 2.15pm

Thursday 28th June, 2.15pm

Friday 29th June, 10.45am



Sponsored Walk



Enormous thanks to everyone who has already sponsored the Nursery team who will give up their time to undertake 'The Lighthouse Challenge' (walking from Happisburgh Lighthouse to Cromer Lighthouse). The team are attempting to raise money for the end of term trip to Norwich Playhouse for children moving up to Reception in September this year. Many families have been working hard on raising sponsorship for the event and we are extremely grateful for this-remember there will be a small prize for the child who manages to raise the most sponsor money! Last year our fundraising along with a generous donation from FOSPINS enabled us to fully fund the trip and we are hoping that this will be the case again this year. Please could we ask that all sponsor money is handed in by Friday 8th June.





Sport's Day



Deep Blue Sea Sport's Day

Wednesday 11th July at 10.45am and 2pm

Parents/Carers are invited to attend and cheer the children on at the Deep Blue Sea Sport's Day on the Infant School Field. The children will take part in traditional Sport's Day races- don't forget your trainers for the 'Grown-ups Race'!

Rock Pool and Coral Reef Sport's Day

Thursday 12th July at 2pm

Parents/Carers are invited to join their child for an afternoon of fun and games on the Infant School field.

Don't worry if your child doesn't attend Nursery on the day of these events, you are still very welcome to join us- you will need to stay with them.

Tombola- prizes needed!

We will be running a tombola at these events to raise money to buy new books so we would appreciate any donations of tombola prizes by Monday 9th July.

Celebrating Progress- Parent's Evening

Our termly Parent's Evening will take place on Tuesday 26th June, 6-7pm, please look out for a sign-up sheet nearer the time. We ask that you remember that your time slot on this evening is for 5 minutes so if you have lengthier issues to discuss please speak to you child's key person to arrange an alternative appointment. As always, if you can't make the Parent's Evening and would like to speak to your child's key person, please let us know so that we can organise a mutually convenient appointment.



Healthy Living Week



Week Beginning 16th July

We are looking forward to learning all about keeping ourselves healthy. During this week we are hoping to organise visits from people in the community with a health-related role. Please let Hayley know if you or anyone you know could help with extending the children's related learning in an age appropriate way; for example regarding healthy eating, looking after teeth, keeping fit, emotional/mental health, sun safety, beach safety, road safety.



Pirate Day



Friday 20th July

Prepare to walk the plank, search for buried treasure, build a pirate ship and much much more. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the Summer Term with the children- children are invited to dress as a pirate for the day.

30 Hours Funded Childcare

You may have heard of, or are already accessing up to 30 hours funded childcare. This funding is available for children (from the term after their third birthday) of parents who work a minimum of 16 hours each week (both parents need to be working in two parent families). It is the parents responsibility to apply for the additional funding during the term before your child becomes eligible, for example, if you work the required hours and your child turns three in June you would need to apply before 1st September to access funded sessions in the Autumn Term (September-December).

To apply please visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> and scroll down to the '30 hours free childcare' section and click 'Apply now'. If you have any problems setting up your account when you apply please contact the Customer Interaction Centre on 0300 123 4097. There is a box on the application asking if you have been 'invited' to apply, you will need to click 'no'. If you are eligible you will receive an 11 digit 'eligibility code'.

You must reconfirm your eligibility via your account to ensure that the details of your application are still accurate and that you are still eligible for the 30 hours every three months. If parents do not reconfirm their eligibility the funding will not be allocated and will result in either parents being invoiced for or the loss of your child's place for hours exceeding the universal 15 hour entitlement.

Please come and see Hayley or Kerry if you need further advice or support with this and we will do our best to help you.

Safeguarding

At Suffield Park Nursery we take the safeguarding of our children very seriously. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available to you on the website or you can find a copy on the Parent's Noticeboard. Please be assured that if there is a concern about your child, this will always be shared with you unless it is deemed that sharing this information will put your child at further risk. If you ever have a concern about a child or adult please speak to any member of staff who will support you, alternatively you can speak with one of our designated safeguarding leads; Hayley Powell, Cath Ellis or Emma Waddingham. Alternatively you can contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on 0344 800 8020,

Website: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/report-concerns>

It is extremely important that we work together to protect all children from all types of abuse. Sexual Abuse is an emotive and difficult subject to address but there are essential, age-appropriate strategies and resources to support parents/carers and professionals to protect children from harm. Please see the Nursery notice board or visit the following website for information related to 'PANTS' which is the underwear rule that is promoted with children to help keep them safe- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

The 'PANTS' rule:

Private parts are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

If you have any worries about this topic please speak to Hayley.

Dates for you diaries...

Sunday 27th May- Nursery Staff Sponsored Walk- 'The Lighthouse Challenge'

Monday 28th May- Friday 1st June- HALF TERM

Monday 28th May- Bank Holiday- NURSERY CLOSED

Monday 4th June- Children return to Nursery

Week Beginning 11th June- Father's Day Celebrations

Friday 22nd June- New School Building, Grand Opening and Summer Fayre

Week Beginning 25th June- Maths Week

Tuesday 26th June, 6-7pm- Parent's Evening

Tuesday 3rd July and Thursday 5th July- Norwich Playhouse Trips for Nursery Leavers

Wednesday 11th July, 10.45am and 2pm- Deep Blue Sea Sports Day

Thursday 12th July, 2pm- Rock Pool and Coral Reef Sports Day

Week Beginning 16th July- Healthy Living Week

Friday 20th July- Pirate Day

Tuesday 24th July- Last day of term, Leaver's Celebration 2pm

Monday 13th August-Monday 27th August- NURSERY CLOSED

Thursday 6th September- First day of the Autumn Term

