



OAKWOOD

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The White House Nursery - Quality Childcare For Over 30 Years!



Welcome



Louise
Nursery Manager

Hi everyone and welcome to your parent newsletter from The White House Nursery Oakwood.

In this newsletter you will find lots of information regarding all aspects of nursery life, from the every day reminders and updates right through to exciting changes and big announcements.

Be sure to look out for any important dates for your diary, that way you'll always be in the loop!

September Fee Increase

We have had our annual fee increase for this September you will have received a copy of the new fee structure. If you have not seen this we do have copies of this on the parent notice board in the reception area. Please ensure you check the invoice amount each month and pay in full as automatic late charges are applied to your account for ANY outstanding fees.

Nappies and Wipes

A polite reminder to please ensure you provide a supply of wipes and nappies for your child at nursery. Some parents find it helpful to set a regular reminder in their phones to bring some more in, and others like to keep a supply in their car to bring into nursery if needed.

Reconfirmation of 30 Hours Funding

IMPORTANT NOTICE - All parents that receive the 30 hrs funding for your pre-school child **must** ensure you regularly check on your government gateway account and reconfirm your eligibility to renew your code. Renewing your code is required every 3 months please check the dates carefully that you are given to reconfirm by as these dates can be at any time!!

Cake Sale W/C Monday 23rd September

To raise money for Macmillan, we will be having a cake sale! So why not bring your pennies and grab yourself a cake on the way to work or on the way home...?



Food Drive 3rd to 13th September

We will be collecting tins and packet foods for harvest festival then visiting the church on Oakwood where they send all our donations to the Hope Centre in Derby. The donations basket will be placed in the nursery entrance by the reception; all donations are very much appreciated.

"Tiny Tree" and Sausage Pasta

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 175g frozen pork cocktail sausages
- 150g fusilli pasta
- 250g broccoli, florets trimmed
- 75g 50% less fat garlic and herb soft cheese
- 1½ tbsp lemon juice
- 125g Nightingale Farms cherry tomatoes, halved



Make meal times more exciting and encourage kids to eat more veg with this broccoli and sausage pasta recipe. With zesty soft cheese, 'tiny trees' of broccoli and mini sausages, kids will love this pasta for lunches and dinners. What's more, this easy dish is ready in just 20 minutes!

- Heat 2 tsp oil in a frying pan over a medium heat and fry the sausages for 10-12 mins until cooked through. Remove with a slotted spoon.
- Meanwhile, cook the pasta to pack instructions, adding the broccoli for the last 2 mins. Drain and return to the pan.
- Whisk the soft cheese with the lemon juice and 1 tsp oil to combine; stir through the pasta and broccoli. Gently toss through the sausages and cherry tomatoes.

Enjoy!...



Work For Us

The White House nursery are always looking professional and qualified childcare staff to join our vibrant teams within our baby, toddler and preschool units across our 5 settings.

For more information go to
www.thewhitehousenursery.co.uk/recruitment

Weather Appropriate Clothing

Please ensure that your child is equipped appropriately for their nursery day, and according to the weather forecast. The weather will soon turn colder and we do still access the outdoor areas a lot throughout the nursery day. Providing your child with hat, scarf, gloves, wellies and outdoor water proofs. Labelling your child's clothes is essential, if any clothes go missing this makes it easier for staff to locate.

Car Park Safety Warning

Please ensure that you approach the car park with caution, our speed limit is 5mph. This is to ensure any parents or children that are walking across the car park to and from the nursery building are kept safe. As the safety of the children is paramount please ensure that children are not left in cars whilst you are collecting or dropping children (siblings) off at nursery.

Vaping & Smoking

Please can we remind parents and carers that we are a no smoking site, and this includes our outdoor areas. Please do not smoke or vape within our car park.

Security Door

In the interest of keeping nursery safe and secure, please can we remind parents to take responsibility in ensuring that the main entrance door is fully closed and locked behind you. We also ask that you do not hold the door open for others to enter the building, as this bypasses our finger print security system and may allow unauthorised visitors to enter. If someone is stood at the door and cannot gain entry, please ask a staff member to assist.

Useful Contacts



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If you have updated any of your contact details, please ensure you have passed this onto nursery so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency.

Term Dates

To find out your upcoming term dates, please request a calendar from reception. You will be asked what contract you are on and be provided with a printed calendar for the year which shows when your child should attend and not attend nursery.



What to pack in your nursery bag...



- ☒ A supply of wipes *(All children)*
- ☒ A supply of nappies
- ☒ Changes of clean clothes
- ☒ Nappy Cream
- ☒ Child's Medication
(To be handed over to unit staff and documents signed)
- ☒ Seasonal items
(Wellies, hat, gloves, coat or snow suit, sun hat)
- ☒ Spare underwear
- ☒ Comforter *(If applicable)*

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any mix ups!



What NOT to pack in your nursery bag...



- ☒ Adults Medication
- ☒ Snacks/ Sweets
- ☒ Drinks
- ☒ Nappy Sacks
- ☒ Plastic Bags
- ☒ Cigarettes
- ☒ Money



Some of these items could be a health and safety risk for children, please ensure they are not left in nursery bags.
Thank you.

Staff Training

All our staff have been busy over the Summer term attending conferences, staff in each unit have attended the following;

Baby Unit - Making the most of every moment, Getting it right for babies & exploration, Joy and discovery through heuristic play

Toddler Unit - In their shoes, What it's like to be two and Schemas

Preschool - Characteristics of effective learning & letters and sounds

Since attending the conferences, all the staff have been busy putting their new knowledge into practice with the children. They have shared this information with you as parents and carers through father's day stay and play sessions and information on the room newsletters.

More information will be given to you at the parent information evening in October.

Sally, Chloe, Hannah and Rachel will be renewing their first aid training in September.

Louise & Sally will be attending the Leaders and Managers conference at the end of September.

Welcome to our new Deputy Manager Sally!

Sally will soon be joining us as our new Deputy Manager. She is very much looking forward to her new role and getting to know our families.

Welcome back, Elise!

Elise has returned as a Nursery Nurse and will be based in the Toddler room.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Over the summer term we said goodbye to Pam, Shannon and Lucy Fearn.

Pam has left her role as Deputy Manager to spend more quality time with her children.

Shannon is attending Birmingham University full time to complete a degree in Speech and Language Therapy. You may see Shannon from time to time as she will be a relief member of staff in the holidays.

Since Lucy Fearn completed her degree in the spring, Lucy has gone onto continue her teacher training and now has a teaching assistant role within a Primary school. We wish them all well with their new ventures.



Elise



Pam



Shannon



Lucy F



Parents Information Evening for All Children

On Monday 21st October all parents & carers are invited to nursery for an Information Evening. This will be held between 6pm and 7pm for those who wish to attend. Please ask a member of staff for more information.

Grandparent's Day Celebrations

To celebrate Grandparent's Day (6th October 2019) we will be having stay & play sessions for all of our Grandparents to attend. This is a great opportunity for Grandmas, Grandad's, Nanny's and Grandpas to come along and have a play with their grandchild at nursery. It's also a good chance for you to meet the staff who work with your grandchild...

Baby Unit - Thursday 3rd October 3pm - 4pm

Toddler Unit - Monday 30th September 2.30pm - 4pm

Preschool Unit - Friday 4th October 9.30am - 11.15am



**Children In Need
Friday 15th November**

As always we will be supporting Children In Need this year.

On Friday 15th November we will be having a dress up day for a £1 donation per child. We will also be having fun games and face painting!

Keep up to date... follow us on social media! #CaptureTheMoment

We believe that social media is a great way to communicate with our parents and provide them with the information they need on the go, at their fingertips.

The White House Nursery have an official Facebook and Instagram page as well as a YouTube channel which are updated regularly with the latest nursery news, photos and videos from around each of our settings.

Head over to our Facebook page for the latest news, upcoming events and useful information as well as our collection of stunning photo albums...

You can find all of our vibrant nursery videos on The White House Nursery YouTube channel – take a look at what the children have been getting up to in and around nursery, all in sparkling HD!

Take a look at what's been happening at White House HQ on our Instagram page, where we'll be sharing all the inside goings on, direct from our head office.

The best of our content will also be published on The White House Nursery official website, to showcase our various locations and give an insight to nursery life.

If you would like your child to be featured in our content, please make sure you have signed our 'Capture The Moment' parent consent form. If not, you can collect one from the office on your next visit.

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- ★ **Latest Nursery News**
- ★ **Upcoming Events**
- ★ **Parent Reminders**
- ★ **Useful Information**
- ★ **Photo Albums**
- ★ **Facebook Competitions and much more!...**

DSB Photography Day - Thursday 14th November

All children who attend nursery on this day will have their photo taken. If your child does not attend this day, you can come to nursery between 8am and 9am or 11.15am and 1pm.



Nursery Development

Over the autumn term we are improving the nursery garden. So we can enhance the teaching and learning opportunities we provide outdoors. Keep a look out for the new changes!

Teaching and Learning

Please look out for your child's monthly room newsletter, this informs you of topics that are being covered, as well as any trips and activities that are taking place in the specific unit your child is in.

You can also see the stories/books and songs that are being shared with the children each month. The words of the songs are on the newsletter so you can sing at home with your child!

Parent Zone

Please ensure you regularly log on to the parent zone app, so that you can see what your child has been doing and learning about at nursery. We love getting home observations and photographs of what the children have been doing on the days they are not at nursery, at the weekends or on holiday!!! So please continue to send them in.



ParentZone
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