



White House Nursery Alvaston Parent Newsletter – Summer 2021

General Reminders:

- Carpark safety – please ensure you are driving into and out of the car park safely, the car park can get quite busy at times and we want to ensure the safety of everyone. Can we ask all parents to supervise children in car park, ensuring that children are not running out into the car park.
- Please remember to provide enough nappies, wipes and nappy cream for your child's sessions as nursery do not provide these.
- Can we ask all parents and carers to ensure that you are following your child's session times. Please arrive before the end of the child's session to receive feedback for the day in plenty of time. If you do not arrive with enough time to be given feedback, then unfortunately the staff will be unable to provide feedback to you at the door. We understand that all parents and carers have different responsibilities outside of nursery and that things may come up and this may cause you to be late, if this is the case please ensure you call nursery to let us know.
- Sun cream can be provided by nursery at a cost of £5.00 per child, if you wish for us to use nursery sun cream on your child then please ensure you make the payment in cash to a staff member. This will cover your child for the whole summer. If you would prefer to provide your own sun cream, please ensure this is in your child's bag with their name clearly labelled.
- We would like to remind all parents and carers that nursery is a no smoking/vaping area. Can we ask that you do not smoke or vape in the nursery car park. We ask that if you come to nursery with other members of your family or friends in the car that you also remind them about our no smoking policy.
- Please ensure that you are not leaving anything in your child's bag that is not safe to be at nursery. We would also like to remind all parents to not leave any food in your child's bag. We have lots of children who have different allergies and these foods can cause a risk to them.



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.



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Staff Updates

- We have a new nursery cook who has started with us. Her name is Claire and she has lots of experience of nurseries and is settling in well to her new role.
- Jane is leaving as she is relocating to move closer to her family. Jane's last day is planned for Friday 18th June at the moment but this may change due to her moving circumstances.
- Hayley is expecting her first baby who is due in August. Hayley will be going on maternity leave in July and her last day with us will be Thursday 8th July. We will update you on who will cover Hayley's senior role while she is on maternity leave.
- Nicole from our pre-school unit has now gone on maternity leave, we wish her all the best for the safe arrival of her baby.
- Neave has been on maternity leave since September 2020, and has made the decision not to return from maternity leave. We wish her all the best of luck with everything moving forward.
- Michelle our nursery manager has been on maternity leave since September 2020. Michelle is currently in the process of returning from maternity leave and will return to nursery on Wednesday 23rd June.
- Kelly has been covering our deputy role while Michelle has been on maternity leave. Kelly will be returning to her original role at Borrowash nursery in July. We want to thank Kelly for all her support during the last 9 months.
- Kirsty will step back into her deputy role when Michelle returns on Wednesday 23rd June.
- We want to say well done to Michelle, Hayley, Zoe L, Latoyah, Imogen, Jane, Stacey, Rachel, Clarissa, Rosie, Nadia and Mia who have all completed their Paediatric First Aid training.
- Kim has continued to support all of our staff with their communication friendly setting training. We want to thank Kim for all of her hard work on this. We will continue to upskill and support all of our staff to have a good understanding of what a communication friendly setting is, so we can ensure this is embedded in practice throughout our whole setting.
- Congratulations to Caitlin who has recently completed her Level 3 Qualification!

COVID-19 Update

- At the moment we are awaiting further guidance from the government before we make any changes to our current procedures. We will of course update you as and when we can.
- In the meantime can we ask that all parents and carers continue to wear their face coverings when dropping off and collecting children, and continue to social distance whilst queueing.

Payment Of Fees Reminder

- Payment of fees is due upon receipt of your invoice which you will receive by email at the start of each month.
- If you pay/part pay by childcare vouchers, it is your responsibility to ensure they are setup correctly.



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- If you wish to take the stress out of paying your fees, you can sign up to our Direct Debit system. Please contact the office for more information on this.
- If you receive 30 hours funding or Tax-free childcare payments, you must reconfirm your code before it lapses in order to receive your full entitlement.
- It is your responsibility to keep up with your childcare fees. If a debt arises you will be subject to further costs and your child's place at the nursery may be terminated.

Term Dates

- We want to remind all parents and carers that nursery will be closed on Monday 31st May as this is a bank holiday.
- If your child is on a funding only contract, then they will not be at nursery week commencing Monday 31st May 2021 as this week is half term.
- All parents and carers who's children who are on a funding only contract will break up for the summer on Friday 16th July.
- If you would like a detailed calendar for your child's contracted days, then please let us know and one can be provided for you.

Nursery Celebrations

- Father's Day – Celebrations will take place throughout week commencing Monday 21th June
- Preschool Graduation – our school leavers will receive a lovely, exciting party to celebrate this milestone on Thursday 12th August 2pm-3.30pm. Further details will be confirmed closer to the time so please look out for these.
- Child Safety Week starts on Monday 7th June. All rooms will be doing different age-appropriate activities to celebrate child safety week.
- People who help us month – Preschool will be doing a 'people who help us month' for June 2021. The children will be taking part in lots of fun activities around this, and we will share these with you through the parent zone app and our Facebook page.
- International Mud Day is on Tuesday 29th June. All rooms will be doing different age-appropriate activities to celebrate this.

School Readiness

- We have been sending out weekly school readiness information to all our school leavers by email in order to keep you up to date with any information that can support your child's transition to school. If you have any questions, worries, or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us.
- We have made contact with all the local schools that the children are going to be attending in September and have discussed transitions and how the school will support the children with this in a safe way. We will update all parents accordingly regarding any updates from the schools as we are still awaiting on some schools to get back to us regarding these transitions.



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Teaching and Learning In Nursery

- We have had a successful reintroduction of water play within our nursery and the children have really enjoyed exploring this in different ways. We are in the process of completing risk assessments for sand play and mud play to be introduced back into nursery, and we are excited to get these activities reintroduced as we know how much the children enjoy them.

Parent Zone

- If you haven't yet activated your Parent Zone account, please contact the office to do this so you can access all the fantastic features it has to offer! Including daily updates about your child's day, update your contact details at the touch of a button, photos and videos from nursery, observations about your child's development and your whole invoice history in one place!
- We love to see what the children have been getting up to at home, so don't forget to complete your own short observations at the weekend and keep us updated on your child's milestones.
- Parent Zone is also a great communication tool for practitioners and parents to interact on a more personal level. View your reminders and read comments from your child's key worker so you're always in the loop.

Fancy Dress Fundraiser Week – #SupportingJordansRecovery

- We had such an amazing week fundraising to help support Jordan and his family. It was amazing to see the children enjoying the themes on offer and to be supporting such a great cause at the same time. We are SO thankful to everyone who got involved and donated. Check out our Facebook page for the total amount!!

Useful Articles

- Safer Sleep Advice & How to lower the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/safer-sleep-advice/>

- Sun Cream & Sun Safety

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>