







ALFRETON

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



Welcome



Paula Nursery Manager

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

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!



Thank You!

Thank you for such a great attendance at our most recent parents days. Our preschool leavers event saw a great turn out and it was fantastic to see so many of our families joining in. Thank you to Charlotte for the lovely buffet and we hope you all had a fun time!

To our graduating children for this year, we would like to say a HUGE thank you for your time with us at nursery and good luck for your next adventures at big school!

Fee Increase

Please be aware that our annual fee increase has now taken effect. Fee increase information can be seen within nursery. For any questions regarding fees, please see a member of staff in the office.

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.





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 for 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

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.

Weather Appropriate Clothing - As our weather is so unpredictable, please remember to bring weather appropriate clothes for your child at nursery. The children play outside in all weather, and are now able free flow indoors and outdoors so children have even more choice where they would like to play. Spare wellies are always good to keep in nursery, for playing in the mud kitchen, water play, in the allotment when digging or even on the grass as this can be wet on a sunny day too. Please also ensure all clothes & shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Termination of Childcare Contract - Please be reminded a 4 weeks' notice period applies when terminating your childcare contract, as set out in your registration contract. This can be given via email or in writing.

Payment Of Fees - A polite reminder to parents that payment of nursery fees is due upon receipt of your invoice, and always within the first week of the month. Any fees still outstanding by the end of the month are subject to a 15% late payment charge. If you are having any problems/concerns with receiving your invoice, please speak with the office management who will be happy to print a hard copy invoice for you.

Opening Times - Please be aware that nursery opens at 7.30am and closes at 6.00pm. Morning sessions run 8.00am until 1.00pm and afternoon sessions run 1.00pm until 6.00pm. If you require extra time outside of these sessions, please speak to a member of staff in the office as additional charges will need to be added.



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Throughout this week we will be collecting non perishable foods to donate to our local community. If you have any foods you wish to donate please bring them in and add them to the collection!





What to pack in your nursery bag...



- A supply of wipes (All children)
- A supply of nappies
- ✓ Changes of clean clothes
- Mappy 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 <u>NOT</u> 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.







Children In Need

Friday 15th November - We will be supporting "Children in Need" We will notify you of the detials in due course. But definitely lots of cakes will be on sale!

Cake Sale

Monday 23rd September - To raise money for Macmillan, we will be having a cake sale on Monday 23rd September. So why not bring your pennies and grab yourself a cake with your hot drink on the way to work...? Please donate generously!

Welcome!

We would like to welcome two new staff to nursery... **Amelia** is a Level 3 Qualified practitioner and is currently working in our toddler room. **Megan** is our new apprentice and we are excited to have her on board. At the moment she is working in our preschool unit, however she will be moving throughout the rooms in order to support her training with us.



Congratulations Kelly!



Kelly in pre-school has received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 'Child & Youth Studies' and is now working towards her Masters! A huge well done from Team Alfreton, we are all very proud of you!

Congratulations Shelby!

Congratulations to our Deputy Manager Shelby who got married this month! Mr Ben & Mrs Shelby Payne tied the knot on Saturday 3rd August 2019. We would like to send our congratulations to them both and wish them a long and happy life together.





Polite Reminder To Parents

Your payments are due on the 1st of each month. Please note that if full payment is not received before the end of the month then a late payment charge of 15% of the outstanding amount will be added to your account.

If you are having any problems/concerns with receiving your invoice, which should be with you on the first of each month, then please speak with the office management who will be happy to check your details and print a hard copy invoice for you.



Unattended Children

A reminder to all of our parents that children of any age should not be left unattended in cars in the nursery car park. We encourage siblings to be brought into nursery along with parents/carers when collecting/dropping off children. This is to prevent accidents happening.

Car Park Safety Warning

A reminder to all drivers that we are a nursery and not a race cource. Children, parents and staff members regularly walk around the car park/entrance and could be harmed by dangerous drivers. Please keep your speed to a minimum when entering/exiting our car park.

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.

Car Seat Law

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first. Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt. You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

You must only use a child car seat if your car's seat belt has a diagonal strap, unless the seat is either; specifically designed for use with a lap seat belt OR fitted using ISOFIX anchor points. You must also deactivate any front airbags before fitting a rear facing baby seat in a front seat, and DO NOT fit a child car seat in side-facing seats.







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.

www.thewhitehousenursery.co.uk









Latest Nursery News



Upcoming Events



Parent Reminders



Useful Information



Photo Albums



Facebook Competitions and much more!...

DSB Photography Day - Thursday 31st October

The photographer will be with us from 8.00am on this day. If your child doesn't normally attend on this day you are welcome to bring them along for their photo between 11.30 and 1.00pm,



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, Nannys 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...

W/C Monday 30th September - Dates, times and more details will be released in the coming weeks!



Medicine Policy

Please can we remind parents that medicine of any kind should not be kept in children's nursery bags. Instead, please hand this to a member of staff for them to store away safely. Other items that should not be kept in bags include cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, money, personal hygiene products and keys.

