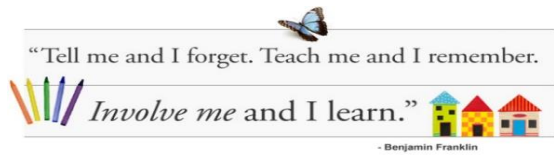




# Summer Term Newsletter 2017



We have some **FANTASTIC NEWS**. OFSTED carried out an inspection recently and has rated Sunshine as **OUTSTANDING!!**

We would like to thank all our staff for their commitment and diligence, proving on the day what high quality practitioners they are. Well done team!

## Pre-school

For most of our pre-school children, this will be their final term before school! Our practitioners will be focusing on their transitioning during the final half term. It is both a sad and happy moment for practitioners and parents and we try

to ensure every child is as ready as possible for the next stage in their education!

We will also be meeting with teachers from the schools you have chosen for your child. Teachers will also visit the nursery to observe your child in play and introduce themselves. Please note that we will be sharing information and discussing your child's development. It is vital that information is shared and concerns raised in order to prepare for a smooth transition. If you **DO NOT** give consent for us to share information then immediately speak to Sarah!

Sunshine will host a special 'leavers day' party in August (tbc) where we will celebrate your child's time with us and honour all the hard work carried out by the children, parents and practitioners. Watch this space for more updates, but if you have any concerns or questions then please speak to Jo, Fran or Sarah!

## Cabin (2-3's)

We welcome some new children who have joined the cabin this term, lovely to see some new faces namely Izabela and Olivia and Deliliah and Amber who have recently transitioned up from the toddler room. It is great

to see the children have settled in well and are eager to get involved in all the wonderful activities on offer.

We would like to give a big welcome to Tegan who is our newest staff member, as Room

Lead in the Cabin. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to Tegan or Carol, who will pass them on to Sarah.

## Toddler/baby room

This term we have welcomed some new 'little ones' into our baby/toddler room. So far, we are pleased to report they have all settled in well! Welcome Ted, Nina, William and Megan. We

understand what a difficult and emotional time it is for parents to leave their babies, but rest assured that Jill and her team create a warm, friendly and safe environment for all our little learners. They are in safe hands!



## Garden

You may have noticed that the shared garden space for the under 3's is currently being developed. Peter has been busy digging, clearing, building and levelling the ground ready for artificial grass to be laid over the whole back area, making it 'play safe'. He has also built an undercover sunken sand pit area to protect children from the sun and rain. It will look fantastic once it's finished and enable the under 3's to access the EYFS curriculum outside.

## Communication

Don't forget to keep checking our Facebook page and website for regular updates and information. We post comments, links to current government legislation or thought provoking blogs/articles plus weather reports, emergency closure information and general Sunshine news.

If you need to contact us, please feel free to write an email or a comment on the page. Alternatively give Sarah a ring! We have an open door policy at Sunshine so please feel free to talk to a member of staff or management about any questions or concerns you may have.

Website: [www.sunshinenursery.co.uk](http://www.sunshinenursery.co.uk)

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Facebook: 'The Sunshine Nursery'



## September changes

Those parents whose children are or will be accessing the governments 'Free Entitlement' in September, will receive an information pack. The government are enabling working parents to access additional funding (eligibility criteria). We have put together a new delivery model for those children who are eligible for the 'Extended free entitlement' offer. Spaces for extended FE only are limited to 4 places, there is a new admissions policy which is included in the pack. We will do our best to accommodate all current parents but new families will be subject to the new admissions policy procedure.

## Costs

Children claiming 2year old and 3-4 year old FE will also be required to pay for the two course hot lunch at a cost of £3 per session, or alternatively bring a nutritious packed lunch for free. You must book your preference but note that changes can only be made once a term.

We may also start giving out invoices termly due to all the government changes.

If you are unable to keep up with payments or fail to pay, your child's place at Sunshine could be forfeit. To avoid any issues, please clearly state your child's name as reference when you make BACS payments and check that the amount paid matches the amount invoiced per month.

## Summer weather

The beginning of Summer can be filled with glorious warm, sunny days or cool, wet miserable ones. Therefore, please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the day's weather. We will try to get outside everyday if possible, I would strongly suggest a few layers which can be removed as necessary, sun hats and sensible footwear must be brought in (no crocs or flip flops please). Every child, including babies must wear sunscreen, we use 50+ sensitive but if you have a personal preference please supply your own. All parents signed the sunscreen consent form as part of the application process. If you DO NOT want sunscreen applied to your child's skin please speak to a member of staff, but note that this may impact on your child's ability to play outdoors. You will be notified of any out of setting trips.

## Turtle bus

Once the weather starts getting warmer, the toddlers might start venturing out and about in our turtle bus! It enables us to take 6 babies/toddlers out at a time, in one vehicle! The children are strapped into their own seat facing forward or backwards so that they can comfortably and easily view the world around them. The vehicle is extremely easy to manoeuvre, looks great, is safe and secure and means we are mobile!

If you would like to view our bus or ask any questions, please speak to the room lead- Jill. Also if you DO NOT

want your child to be taken out on daily trips for fresh air or exploration then please speak to Jill.

If you see our children out and about, please give them a BIG wave.



## Book bags

All children will receive a colour coded drawstring bag and book bag. These bags are for you to look after and give back at the end of the term/year. They are the property of Sunshine Nursery so please respect them and keep them in good condition. The drawstring bag is for filling with spare clothes and any other bits and pieces your child may need. But please DO NOT place any medication, sweets or toys in the bag. Notify a member of staff if your child requires medication and the correct procedures will be followed.

The book bag is an invaluable form of communication between child, the nursery and yourself. It will contain a book(s) for reading, a communication diary, any artwork they have done and letters or other important documentation from staff, so please make sure you check it. The diary is an essential part of communication and your key-person may spend precious time writing to you about your child's day, so please respond and bring the bags back regularly so books can be exchanged.

## Dates for your diary

**May bank holiday closure: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Leavers day party: August date TBC (it will be a Saturday)**

**Summer holiday Closure: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August- Friday 1st September**

**First day of Autumn term: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**(Leaver's day, parent evenings, workshops and other events dates to be confirmed)**