

Peter Pans Newsletter

We would like to welcome all our new parents and children that have recently started at the nursery. We hope the new settling in process has not been too hard for you all. We have gained two new staff members since our Summer newsletter and would like welcome Kelsi and Nadira to the team.

We are sad to announce that Stefani (who works in the baby room) will be leaving us on the 15th of October. She has decided to continue her career with another nursery closer to her new home. We would like to thank Stefani for her hard work over the last 4 years and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Our next Virtual parent consultation's is fast approaching in November, please contact the office a week before to book a slot.

As per our previous email, we have assessed and will be continuing to ask children and staff to stay away from the setting for 10 days following close contact with a Covid positive case, whether it be at the setting or away from nursery. Having only had 2 cases since re-opening last June we feel we are doing everything right to maintain a safe environment for all children and staff. We will continue to review this and keep you updated of any changes.

We have now introduced all activities back into nursery life, these will be continuously monitored, and activities will be withdrawn should it be necessary.

We have had such great feedback from a lot of parents regarding Tapestry. It is less time consuming for our staff which means they have more time to spend with the children, which is one of Ofsted's new requirements. Less time spent on paperwork; more time spent with the children. 😊

A Few Reminders:

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE CAR PARK** - Please ensure you adhere to the 2 metre social markers in the car park at all times when dropping off/collecting your child(ren). These are in place to keep everyone safe.
- **FACE MASKS** - Should your child need to be handed over to a member of staff (non-walkers) please ensure you wear a face covering when dropping off/collecting your child, our staff will be doing the same.
- **SHORT HANDOVERS** - Please be mindful our staff have been told to make handovers as quick as possible to minimise the contact with parents in order to try and keep everyone safe. Should you wish to discuss anything in length please give us a call or email the office.
- **CAR PARK SAFETY** - Please be wary that those dropping off/collecting children will be queueing up in the car park, therefore please keep your speed to a minimum when travelling down Thomas Barnardo Way and especially when entering the car park.
- **TURN OFF YOUR ENGINES** - Exhaust fumes are harmful, please turn off your ignition's when using our car park.
- **ILLNESS IN CHILDREN** - Children should be kept away from nursery at the first sight of being unwell. If your child becomes ill at nursery showing any of the symptoms listed in our sickness policy, we will call you and you will be asked to collect your child immediately.
- **FOOD MENU** - Menus are displayed on our website and in the outside display board. We will be converting over to the winter menu 18th October.
- **APPROPRIATE CLOTHING** - Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. The children use the garden in all weathers.
- **BREAKFAST** - is served between 8.30-9am, if you wish for your child to have breakfast they need to be at nursery before 9.00am.
- **ABSENCES** - Please telephone and let us know if your child is going to be absent for the day, or if you will be going on holiday. This can become a safeguarding issue if we have not heard from you.
- **FEES** - Nursery fees are due on the 1st of each month; this includes those paying by childcare vouchers.
- **KEEP US UPDATED** - Please remember to update your records with us if you have new contact details, e.g telephone numbers, change of work, address etc.
- **TOYS** - Please discourage your children from bringing toys in from home.
- **EXTRA DAYS** - Should you require any additional days for your child leading up to Christmas please do not hesitate to contact the office. Spaces will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Visit our website for more information or to read our policies www.peterpansdaynursery.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

29th October - Halloween Party and Dress Up

15th to 19th November - Children in Need Week

15th to 19th November - Upstairs Virtual Consultations

22nd to 26th November - Downstairs Virtual Consultations

8th December - Christmas Dinner Day (only for children who attend nursery on this day)

14th December - Christmas Party (only for children who attend nursery on this day)

24th December - Nursery closes at 1pm. (Please let the office know of any absences around Christmas)

4th January 2022 - Nursery Reopens at 8am.

Like us on our Facebook page to get reminders of diary dates - Type in Peter Pans Day Nursery into the search box.

Six Amazing Benefits of Water Play for Children

Water play provides valuable childhood experiences through hours of absorbing fun. Children love it - splashing and pouring, spraying, and creating waves. It enhances their creativity and imagination, promotes good health and well-being, and provides opportunities for some wonderful investigative and scientific learning.



1. Water play promotes well-being: it is calming, therapeutic and improves concentration.
2. Water play is good for physical development improves hand-eye co-ordination, fine and gross motor skills.
3. Water play stimulates imagination and creativity: It can be presented in many different ways to spark interest.
4. Water play enhances cognitive development: involves scientific learning, maths and problem solving.
5. Water play develops language and communication skills: creates opportunities to engage in discussion.
6. Water play encourages social and emotional development: involves sharing ideas, resources, turn-taking, co-operating, listening to and observing other and learning new ideas from each other.