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Welcome

Welcome to Macclesfield's Autumn Newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new children to our Footprints family. I hope you have settled in well and enjoying making new friends.



Dates for the Diary

We have some exciting activities planning for the Autumn Term:

27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning (from 7:30am)

11th October - Stay & Play (9:30-10:30am)

11th - 15th November - Children in Need week

20th November - Parents' Evening (6:00-8:00pm)

6th December - Pre-school Nativity (2:00pm)

13th December - Christmas Jumper Day

20th December - Pre-school Theatre Trip

18th December - Christmas Party Day

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Tuesday 24th December at 2:00pm

Nursery will re-open Thursday 2nd January 7:30am





School Admission

After a successful Graduation and saying an emotional farewell to our lovely Pre-School children it's time to start thinking about getting our new Pre-School children ready for school.

If your child is due to start reception in September 2020 you can apply now. I have attached the link below that will take you directly to the Cheshire East Website admission page. On that page is a document called 'Applying for school places' you can download and read the document to help you understand the process.

After attending a course with the Cheshire East Early years start team recently they advised me to inform you of the following points;

Firstly, make sure you apply for the school that you would like your child to attend before January 2020, this is the closing date and you will not be allowed to apply after that date.

Secondly, when filling out your application form please make sure that you write all of your three school choices down. Even if you are 100% sure of the school you want, by not putting a 2nd or 3rd choice down you run the risk of being given a school that is not in your catchment area meaning you have to cross town each day.

Thirdly, once all places have been allocated by Cheshire East (usually around April 2020) you will receive an e-mail to the log in you created. It is very important that you check these e-mails regularly. Once you have received the e-mail you must click accept, to accept your place to prevent it been given to another child.

If you would like any support or advice in doing this please don't hesitate to ask.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx>



Ofsted Framework

Ofsted have introduced a new Early Years Inspection framework. We are in the process of implementing the changes as Management undergo training. The staff meetings in the Autumn Term will be dedicated to cascading this information to all staff.

Although there are many changes we are pleased to say that parental engagement remains a priority. As a Nursery Manager, I enjoy the daily conversations, your emails, stay and play sessions we hold, and the regular parental meetings. We have in the past made many positive changes on the back of your feedback, we wish this to continue. Therefore if you have any ideas and suggestions you would like to see implemented I ask you to get in touch either by emailing me directly on Hayley.Smith@footprintsnurseries.co.uk or filling in a comments slip and popping it in reception.



These are the things we would like your help with:

- **Signing in & out:** One important safeguarding aspect is the signing in and out of your children. Please can you be rigorous in this as it is crucial that we have accurate records of our children?
- **LearningBook:** Please add comments next to as many observations as you can and upload photographs from home for staff to use for their evidence of learning & development.
- **Stay & Play:** These are help once a term, please attend if you can and enjoy playing at nursery with your child.
- **Feedback:** Please make comments on page 4 or email any comments at any time.
- **Parent talents & skills:** If you feel you have anything to share with the children and have some free time to come into nursery we would love to welcome you.
- **Parents' suggestion boards:** Please use this board to write any suggestions you have. Maybe you would like us to look at a certain topic, visit a local attraction, carry out a specific activity or create little gift for a family member.



Meet the Team

Babies



Martha



Chris



Viktoria



Julie



Sofia

Toddlers



Steph



Rachel



Lauren



Miranda



Natasha

Tots



Kelly



Elisha



Chelsea

Pre-school



Ellie



Cengiz



Suzie



Bea

Cover staff



Hannah



Beth

Mid-day assistants



Lucy



Caroline

Administration



Lindsay



Julie

Management



Claire



Hayley



Zoe

Chef Vacancy

We have an outstanding chef who would like some support in the kitchen on Mondays and Fridays. We are seeking a family orientated candidate with a passion for children and cooking. If you know anyone who would suit this part time vacancy please ask them to get in touch via email:

careers@footprintsnursery.co.uk

As ever your feedback will be greatly received. Please complete this slip below and hand it in at nursery or email me at Hayley.Smith@footprintsnurseries.co.uk.



Parent / Carer Comments Slip

I wish to make the following comments:

Date: _____

*Signed: _____

*Print Name: _____

*Parent/Carer of: _____

(*=Optional)



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, I look forward to working with you throughout the next term.

Take Care and
See you Soon
Hayley

If you have access to social media and would like to see what activities and achievements are going on in our nursery day to day, then please like us on Facebook and on Twitter.

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