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## *St Elizabeth's Primary & Nursery School*

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*Learn Together, Laugh Together, Be the Best You Can!*

Enjoyment

### **Nursery Newsletter, June 2019**

Respect

We have now reached 85% of all our parents and carers fully signed up to parent pay which is great, thank you so much everyone for your support in doing this. We will hopefully get to the 100% over the coming weeks, ready to go for August. If you need any help at all with this, please speak to Amanda in our office.

#### **Summer Fun Day**

Our children have had a wonderful time today at the Fun Day! Many thanks to Helen Toner and her team for organising this for our children. We have also enjoyed having our Summer Fayre today and thank you very much for all your support with donations, raffle prizes and coming along to support us. We raised a fantastic £351, thank you all! The children and staff are delighted to have you join us and celebrate our nursery together and we hope you and your families have had a lovely time.

#### **Celebration Day**

Wasn't our Celebration Day last week just fabulous? We hope you enjoyed your time celebrating with us as much as we did. A huge thank you to all our children and staff for such a fantastic day and many thanks to you and your families for coming along to support us and join in the fun.

#### **Some important information**

As you may know, our nursery times are changing as of August. Please see below for further details and if there is anything you might be unsure of, please speak to a member of our team.

- Morning sessions will be from 9am to 12.10pm
- Afternoon sessions will be from 12.50pm to 4.00pm
- Whole day sessions will be from 9am to 3pm or from 9.30am to 3.30pm or from 10am to 4pm.
- Children attending whole day from 9am to 3pm have the option to buy another hour from 3pm to 4pm for the cost of £3.20.

Our sessions have now been set for next session and you will have received a letter detailing what you have been allocated. This has been done centrally at Head Office and, as we can all imagine, has been a massive undertaking. No changes can be made to allocated sessions for this coming year.

Please note that if your session finishes at 3.00pm or 3.30pm and your child is not collected, a charge of £3.20 will be applied, as per guidance from Head Office.

**Please also note that from August, packed lunches will not be allowed any longer and all children will be required to choose a meal from our menu. Please let us know of any allergies, etc as these can be accommodated.**

### **Come-and-Meet Us Event**

We have an induction event planned for between 3-4 pm, on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June for our new children or those transitioning from 2-3 room. This gives you and your child the opportunity to meet your key worker, complete forms and have a peek at our nursery room. Please come along if you can.

**\*\*\*\*\* Just a few reminders for the start of next term \*\*\*\*\***

### **Snack money and Parent Pay**

\*Our snack money is collected weekly and we greatly appreciate your help with this. Snack money remains at £2.50. All monies now need to be paid through Parent Pay please. If you have not yet managed to sign up to Parent Pay, we can give you a bar coded letter to allow you to make your payment. Please speak to Amanda in our office who will then print you a personalised letter for this. It is much easier for everyone if we are all joined up to Parent Pay – we appreciate you taking the time to do this, many thanks

### **Shoes and Clothes**

\*Our children need indoor shoes for the nursery and these stay in their docket. Please check your child's shoes regularly as they sometimes need replaced more often than we realise.

It's that time of year again where we are clearing up at the end of another busy session. Can you please check your child has no clothes/shoes or belongings left in nursery as our cleaners will be doing a big clean over the summer holidays.

### **Absences from Nursery**

\*If your child is going to be absent from nursery please call us to let us know. Our nursery number is 286027. It is really important we know why your child is not with us. Whilst we understand that all children become unwell and can catch illnesses, please be aware that any prolonged periods of unexplained absences may result in a nursery space being allocated to another child on our waiting list. Thank you for your co-operation with this. Also please note if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea **they must not return until 48 hours from last bout.**

### **Nursery Corridors**

\*As you know, **our nursery corridors for both our 2-3 room and 3-5 rooms** are not very wide and due to the larger numbers of children now attending our nursery, and in line with Health and Safety, a maximum of 2 adults can accompany each child inside our nursery. This will help to ease congestion particularly for our younger children and especially at drop-off and collection times. Unfortunately, buggies and prams cannot be accommodated within the nursery corridors due to our lack of space and we cannot accommodate scooters or bikes due to our tight corridor space. Thank you for your help and co-operation with all of this.

### **Nursery Extension**

During the course of next year, our nursery will be extended and our 2-3 room will move closer to the rest of our nursery. Our school staff room location will be swapped with the nursery 2-3 room. We will keep you informed of the programme of work as we move throughout the year.

### **Well Done and Thank You**

A big well done to the students we have had within our nursery, particularly Zoe, Briony and Gaynor. The ladies have had much success in their placements receiving a sound grounding to develop from. We wish them every success moving forward. Thank you also to the staff involved in mentoring them this year.

A further well done to our Modern Apprentice Kayleigh Simmons who has been with us for the whole year. Kayleigh is now completing her second year at First Steps Nursery and we wish her all the best in her new nursery and look forward to hearing of her continued success. Kayleigh has embraced her time with us and has been a pleasure to work with. Good luck for the future Kayleigh!

Thank you to all our staff once again for their hard work, commitment and endless enthusiasm. We have a wonderful staff team that has seen several new members this session, all of whom have settled well and have become integral parts of our team.

And finally, thank you to you and your families for the wonderful support you continually give to our nursery – it is greatly appreciated by us all. We wish you all a fabulous summer!

Best wishes

Miss MacPhee  
Head Teacher







