

CASPER NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2017

Introduction

We are now entering our Autumn/Winter term here at Casper. We would like to welcome our new families to the setting and are looking forward to working with you and your children. Please remember if you wish to contact us by email our address is caspernursery@btconnect.com and either Nikki or Kelly will respond.

Professional Development

Amy is still currently working towards her Level 3 in Play work and we will offer her support and guidance with this course.

Caroline is attending a brief forest school training day this term and we are hoping to introduce some new and exciting outside activities for the children.

Clothing

The Early Years Foundation stage recommend that Early Years settings offer outside play during the whole day, whatever the weather. We offer a free flow system where the children can come and go as they please. With the weather set to change this term we would recommend that your child be provided with hats, gloves and scarves so they can still access the outside area.

We provide various activities during the day and these may include paint, glue, slime, and other resources which can be quite messy. For this reason, we ask that you do not put your child in their best clothes as we would not want them to get ruined. We do sell t-shirts and jumpers which can be purchased at the office.

Fees

Thank you everyone who pays their fees promptly. This does help with the nursery's budgeting. Fees must be paid weekly or monthly in advance either in cash or by card payment, unless you have a special arrangement with either Nikki or Kelly. To help busy parents we can take payments over the phone. We ask that card payments are over £20.00 please.

Outings.

We are arranging various outings for the children this term and our first visit will be to Farthingloe Farm on Friday 22nd September. We are taking small groups of children at a time so please do not worry your child will get the opportunity to go out on an outing sometime during the term.

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Healthy Eating

We promote healthy eating within the setting and we provide various activities for the children, to encourage a healthy lifestyle. We have been growing vegetables in our garden and have made soup with the children, which they all enjoyed. We are going to be buying different fruits and vegetables from the supermarket and will encourage the children to taste these during a session.

We give the children the opportunity to gain certificates for the healthiest lunch box and this is proving a great success as children are talking about healthy options for lunch.

30 Hours Funding.

The 30 hours funding is well underway. I wish to remind all parents who are eligible for this to check their emails and obtain a new code when asked to do so. The code needs to be renewed every three months and the management team will send you a reminder. If this is not renewed and the code not obtained your funding will stop and you will only be able to access the universal fifteen hours.

Photographer.

We will be having the photographer come into the setting on Tuesday 31st October. This will take place at 9.30 am and if you have any siblings that you wish to join in please speak to Kelly to arrange.

Parents evening.

We will be holding a parent evening for all children on Monday 13th November. This gives you the opportunity to come along and speak to your child's key person and discuss their learning and development. The key person will discuss your child's personal development folder and answer any concerns you may have.

Christmas Party.

We will be having a Christmas party for all children and we have booked an entertainer for the children to enjoy. We ask that parents help with the food and a list will go up in the office a week before. We have a visit from a very special person and parents donate a small present for their child which is given out to them after the party.

The party will be held on Monday 18th December at 10.30am. If your child does not attend a Monday please speak to Nikki or Kelly to book them in.

Parent and Toddler Group

We are still running our parent and toddler group on a Monday afternoon at 1.15pm to 2.45pm where parents can attend with their children up to the age of 2 years. This offers a social occasion for adults and a social learning experience for children. We offer tea/coffee and biscuits and ask for £1.00 donation. So please come along and join us.

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Term dates

As many of you are aware we have had to change our term dates to fall in line with the Early Years funding. This means it does not always follow the school dates. However, if the school is open and we should be closed, we will open for children but these will be chargeable sessions.

The term dates are set out below but please ask Nikki for a copy of the calendar if you require one.

If you have any concerns regarding your child or any other issues relating to our company, please do not hesitate to ask any of our staff.

If you require this newsletter in any other language, please ask Nikki.

Kind Regards

Nikki

Casper Nursery Term Dates

Term 1-2 2017

First day of term 7th September (open 5th)

Last day of term 20th October

Half term 23rd October – 27th October

First day of term 30th October

Last day of term 20th December

Half term 21st December-5th January

Term 3-4 2018

First day of term 5th January (open 4th)

Last day of term 9th February 2018

Half Term 12th February-16th February

First day of term 19th February

Last day of term 29th March

Half term 30th March-13th April

The days we are open outside our term dates are chargeable sessions if you wish your child to attend.

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