



Improvements, Developments & Essential Updates



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Welcome to our Summer Newsletter!

We've been busy this summer improving and developing all areas within Playdays, which ensures your children receive the best care and attention you would expect from a highly rated OFSTED nursery.

Little Owls and **Little Hedgehogs** have been exploring messy play and the world around them by incorporating topics such as 'The Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Enchanted Garden', teddy bear picnics and transport, (by partaking in activities, such as bug hunts, painting, butterfly gluing/sticking and other creatures, as well as food tasting and trying different foods from 'The Hungry Caterpillar' story).

Foxes have been helping their new friends that have joined them from **Little Hedgehogs** to settle, as well as exploring healthy eating, trying a variety of foods, making their own fruit bowls and fruit printing. They have also explored the topics of life cycles, planting, flowers and much more.

Badgers have been busy exploring the world around them after our visit to The Aquatics Shop and The Reptile House. On this outing we acquired some giant African land snails and gold fish, which have proved interesting additions to the Playdays family.

Many children have also been preparing for their school transition, with their key person, ensuring a seamless, happy outcome is achieved.

Staffing

Sadly, in July, we had to say goodbye to Rebekah, after she decided to take a break from her apprenticeship, but we are pleased to say that we have several fantastic staff members that have joined the team.

Georgie who has started in **Badgers**, has a Foundation degree in Early Years and is excited to start a new challenge.

We also have Holly, an apprentice who will be working within **Foxes** and **Badgers**, whilst completing her level 2.

Finally we have Aisling who is joining us whilst Laura is on maternity leave. She will be our acting Deputy Manager. Her PGCE and wealth of experience in the Early Years sector, will be a great addition to the team.

Room Changes

With the new arrivals there will be a few adjustments to the rooms and the staff that are supervising them.

Little Owls will be changing its age range; it is currently 6 weeks – 18 months. This will change to an under two's room, with Natasha and Kateland remaining.



Little Hedgehogs will now increase it's age range and will change to the two to three year old room. Katie and Malika will remain in this room and Shauna will be joining them. If your child has just turned two, or is almost two and currently in **Hedgehogs**, they will remain there. The activities will reflect the age within the room and will continue to meet their needs, as they become older.

The **Foxes** room will continue to be a two to three year old room with Molly moving in as the Room Manager and Kelsey will work alongside her.

Badgers will remain as our preschool room with Cynnoe, Georgie, Mel and Holly, working to continue to bring the highest level of care to your children.



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Fees

We would like to remind parents that all fees are due on the **1st of each month**. If fees are not paid by the 7th of the month you will receive an automatic £25 late fee charge. For every week that fees are late, an additional £25 will be added for each week. Please see Lizzie if you need to update an email address, ensuring invoices and important information reach you on time.

Changing Weather at Playdays!

As the weather continues to be sunny and warm, would you please ensure your children are provided with sun cream and sun hats. For those random unseasonably wet days, a coat and wellington boots would suffice. Unfortunately any children attending without appropriate clothing will be unable to use the garden.

Session times

To comply with **OFSTED** regulations we plan our staff shifts according to the session times we offer, it is therefore important that children are not dropped off before their session time begins. They are also required to be collected by the time their session ends, giving carers enough time to hand your child over, with a synopsis regarding their day. Any children collected after their session time ends, will receive an automatic late collection fee of £20 for any late collection from 10 minutes to 30 Minutes, and £30 for every 10 minutes thereafter or part thereof as this can severely affect the staffing ratios within the nursery as laid down by **OFSTED**. Please inform the nursery should you be unable to collect your child on time for any reason, and we will operate our emergency contact procedure for your child. Please also be aware that after 6.30pm, Playdays Nursery will not be covered by our insurance i.e. no children in the building beyond 6.30 p.m.) Please ensure you allow enough time to collect your child before the nursery doors close at 6.30p.m.

Events

Over the last few months, we have had lots of exciting events and we appreciate your participation and attendance. Without you our events wouldn't be as successful. Our Father's Day Tea, Parents Evening and Leavers Sports Day and Picnic proved very popular, so stay tuned for more exciting events in the future.

We are also holding our **Annual Open Day on Saturday 6th of August between 10am and 2pm** and would like to invite you to attend. There will be lots of fun and games for all the family to enjoy. This is also when we will be holding our **School Leavers Graduation**. If you wish to only attend the graduation it starts at 1pm, we would ask for you to be with us for 12.45pm, so we can start promptly and ensure we have enough time for the children to dress in their caps and gowns.

Mobile Phones

Can you please be aware that the use of mobile phones within the nursery is prohibited. This safeguards all children and staff.

Medication

With lots of colds and bugs around, we would like to remind you, we do not administer any non-prescribed medication unless it is an emergency, e.g. Calpol for temperature reduction if the temperature goes above 37.5. (In this case Lizzie or Cynnoe will administer one dose of Calpol as per the bottle instructions). If in the event your child has a temperature, you will be contacted as soon as possible and requested to collect your child within the hour, as it is evident your child is unwell.

Creating Fun Times & Happy Memories

If your child has had Calpol in the morning due to being unwell our policy states that they should not attend that day. This would indicate they are unwell so we ask they are not brought to nursery.

Children that are teething can have Bonjela Teething Gel, signed in for them to be given at set times (no more than every 4 hours).

We do not give any medication 'as and when' - all medication is to be signed in at set times, no more than every 4 hours.

Children that are prescribed medication are required to have 24 hours off from the first dose of medication or at least 4 doses in 24 hours to reduce the risk of infections spreading and reactions to medication at nursery. All prescribed medication is to appear in its original packaging with a clear prescription label. These are to be signed in each day on our medication form. Any medication not signed in will not be given. Any long term medication or inhalers require a detailed letter from the parents explaining, when, how much and under what circumstances it is to be administered.

If you have any questions about any information in the newsletter or in general please don't hesitate to speak to Lizzie or Cynnoe.

We wish you a happy summer.

Kind Regards

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