



What an interesting and diverse month March turned out to be. Snow, dressing up as book characters, a nurse visiting and a lovely sunny day saw a great turn out for our Easter egg hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt and raffle raised £235 which will be used to enhance our play gardens and get them summer ready. We have already purchased new bubble equipment and woodwork tools for our lovely new work bench.

Thank you for supporting red nose day – we sent £20 off to Sports Relief.

The summer months are a very busy time for Sunbeams and there are lots of details in this letter.

Kind regards Angela Hibberd, Nursery Manager



NEEDED – An old Iphone so the children can use our phonoscope.

Gardening – can anyone help keep our garden tidy?

Help on Sat. 23rd June to man a stall at the village hall.

Staff News –

Congratulations to Miss Kate and Bret on the birth of Keegan. We all hope to meet Keegan when Kate brings him to meet the children.

Miss Jaz has completed her level 2 training and has started her level 3 training. Mrs Teresa has successfully completed her level 4 training. Miss Kealey continues studying for her degree in childcare.

Mrs Alison has taken redundancy from Lloyds bank and will now work longer hours at Sunbeams and will be studying for her level 3 in childcare.

Joining our team - Mrs Carla has re-joined us to be a helping hand to children who need extra support.

Leaving - I'm sorry to say that Miss Emily is leaving us after just a few months. It has been lovely having her back at Sunbeams but she finds commuting to Sunbeams too costly. We wish her all the best in her new job.

Recruiting – So, we are again recruiting – if you know a nursery practitioner who would like to join our team please give them our details. This will be a full time job, 35+ hours a week all year round.

We are also looking for an apprentice and supply staff.

Parents Information Evening – Monday 21st May – 7.30pm - at Sunbeams –

Coffee and cake will be available.

We are happy to welcome Jane from East Dorset Children's Centre to talk about school readiness, toilet training and sleep problems.

Sunbeams Pre-school team will talk about the In The Moment Planning and Focus Child Observations.

Sun safety – April sunshine can be very strong. To keep your child safe please follow our sun protection policy;

1. All children must have sun cream put on before they arrive at Sunbeams.
2. Sunbeams staff will top up your child's protection at 12.30 by reapplying the cream.
3. Each child needs a factor 30+ sun cream to be kept at Sunbeams.
4. Your child's sun cream must be clearly labelled with their name.
5. Children must wear t-shirts that cover their shoulders.
6. Children must bring a sun hat which is clearly labelled with their name.
7. Children must wear sensible shoes not wear flipflops or crocs. The children do lots of climbing and running at Sunbeams so need to wear shoes that fit well and will stay on their feet.



Monday – 23rd April – St. George's Day Fish and Chips Lunch – £2.50

Lost property – We have so many left items of children’s clothing at Sunbeams. Please take a look to see if any of this is yours. All unclaimed items will be given to charity at the end of half term, 25th May.

Tallest Bean Competition – We are looking forward to seeing photos of your growing beans on Tapestry. Tapestry is a lovely way for you to share with us your child’s development. If you have problems accessing Tapestry please speak to Angela or Kealey. The winner of the tallest bean will be announced on Tapestry by the 25th May, when the prize will also be announced. Good luck!

Family Holidays and Post Cards - It is part of our prevent duty to call parents when their child is unexpectedly absent from nursery. Please call us when your child is poorly and let us know when you are taking a holiday so we do not call you.

Please send a postcard to Sunbeams your child will enjoy helping write it and talking to the whole group about the card when they return to nursery. Alternatively send us photos of any family holidays or outings via email, Facebook or Tapestry.

Sessions - swaps and bookings – both rooms are full on a Wednesday morning so we can’t offer any extra sessions on Wednesday mornings. If you need any changes our preference is for you to email us at alderholtsunbeams@gmail.com or complete a booking form at the desk.

Change of clothes – If your child comes home in some of Sunbeams spare clothes, please return them washed so we can use them another day.

Bags from Home – as you can imagine if every child brings in a bag to the pre-school room it gets very crowded. We don’t have enough space for bags to be hung up so please put your child’s bag on the floor under their coat. Please write your child’s name on the top of their bag.

New summer lunch menu – on the board and website – please consider booking your child in for lunches if they are starting school in September so they are ready for free school dinners.

Lunch Boxes - Please label with your child’s name. The weather is getting warmer so please put an ice pack or frozen yogurt in with your child’s lunch. If the fabric bag is getting dirty or smelly you could consider washing it on a gentle wash and drying on the line.

Please remember do not put nuts or nut products in your child’s lunch due to a member of staff having an allergy.

Diary Dates

23rd – St. Georges week – stay and play in the pre-school room – come and join us for music time at 2.30 or for half an hour when you drop off your child.

Monday 30th – Jan Keen music time starts again

Monday 7th May – Closed for bank holiday.

Monday 14th May – Parents Information evening. 7.30pm at Sunbeams

Saturday 19th May – Gardening and Spring Cleaning DIY morning – 9.30 – 12. Cakes and Coffee supplied.

Half term – Monday 28th – Friday 1st June. Sunbeams is closed on 28th May for the bank holiday.

Saturday 16th June – St .James school fair

Saturday 23rd June – Alderholt Village Hall – 50th Anniversary – Supertots and Sunbeams are providing face painting and lucky dip type games.

