

Sunbeams Newsletter July 2018

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Welcome to the summer newsletter everyone!!
Having the heat exchange units fitted earlier this year has turned out to be excellent timing. The pre-school room is now as pleasant an environment as the family room in this hot weather.

I'm sorry that this letter is a little late in the term but I have managed to include the next year term dates, for parents of children that are just booked in for term time not all year round.

Well done to everyone who sent in pictures of their beans growing. Chloe won and I'm sure from the picture you can see how very tall it grew, over 2 meters. I look forward to seeing all of the children who are moving on to school at our leavers celebration on Monday 23rd July. I wish all the children every success in their new adventure.

Love from
Mrs Angela (Nursery Manager)



New Staff – Welcome Tazmin to the Staff team. Miss Taz had her student placement with us last year and now returns as a qualified level 3 teacher.

[Term time bookings – The last day of the summer term is Friday 20th July.](#)

Summer holidays – If you need some help with childcare for a one off session or you child is bored you can book a session with Sunbeams. There will be all the usual fund, games and food with some summer crafts and while the sun continued to shine plenty of time on the school field.

IMPORTANT – Parent meetings - We have been busy writing reports for the pre-school children who are moving to school this summer. These will be taking place week commencing 9th July 2018, please see the board in the foyer with availability of the keyworkers. Please feel free to fill in any appointment time suitable. We ask that all parents of school leavers book an appointment to see their child's keyworker so, we can pass the reports to school.

Downloading your child's Tapestry account as a keep sake - Over August parents will receive an email enabling a download the children's learning journals, however if you would prefer it on a memory/flash stick, please send in a stick and we will transfer the data on to it for you.

Leavers Graduation Celebration and Sports Day – Very, Very important – Monday 23rd July – 10.30 – 12.30

All family and friends are invited to come and watch the children's sports day and graduation celebration. The morning will include races, a little performance and presentation followed by a shared picnic lunch.

Picnic lunch – we ask if all families could contribute some food for this, please see the food list in the reception area. Thank you.

Summer Reports – over the next few weeks all pre-school children will receive a report – you should be notified by Tapestry. Please let us know if you have any problems logging onto Tapestry.

SUNBEAMS IS CLOSED FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27th – Reopening on Tuesday 4th Sept.

(some maintenance work will be taking place during this week)

SUNBEAMS is CLOSED on Monday 3rd Sept. – STAFF TRAINING DAY

IMPORTANT

Sun safety and staying cool

Sun screen – all children need to have sun cream applied at home before arriving at Sunbeams. Staff will reapply sun screen to the children who attend all day after lunch.

Sun hats – send one in every day, clearly labelled with your child's name.

Water play – we engage in lots of water play at Sunbeams. It would be beneficial to have a change of named clothes and towel in a labelled bag while this heat wave persists.

Shoes - please send children in in sensible shoes for running, climbing and adventure. The following footwear is not suitable flip flops, crocs or open toed sandals.

Please remember to label all clothing

September bookings – We are now taking bookings for September and January 2019. Please tell your friends what a welcoming and helpful day nursery and preschool Sunbeams is.

2 year old funding – If you think your child or a friends child may be eligible for 2 year old funding please check on www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/childcare-funding/free-early-education-and-childcare-for-2-year-olds.aspx

Help with fees - I'm please to say that we have some information leaflets in the reception area. More details are available on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Congratulations – Mrs Amy has some very exciting news and will be needing to take maternity leave at the end of November.



Working together - Parent Questionnaires – thank you for the returned questionnaires. It is lovely to hear that so many of you are happy with Sunbeams.

CLASS PHOTOS – please get your orders and money to Angela ASAP.

RAFFLE TICKETS – for a chance to win some great family days out please get your tickets in by the 20th July. Tickets will be available for family and friends to buy at the sports day.

Dates for your diary – term dates in advance 2018/19 –

- Friday 13th July – St. James school fair – 3 – 5 pm. Everyone is welcome. Mrs Angela and Mrs Jenny are doing face painting
- Friday 20th July – last day of term for term time bookings
- Leavers sports day, graduation and celebration – Mon 23rd July – see above.
- Annual summer closure – Monday August 27th – Monday 3rd Sept inclusive
- Reopen after summer closure – Tues 4th Sept.
- Autumn term – Wed 5th Sept. – Tues 18th Dec. inclusive
- Half term – Mon 22nd Oct – Fri 26th Oct inclusive
- Christmas closure – 24th Dec – 2nd Jan inclusive
- Reopen after Christmas – Thurs 3rd Dec
- Spring term – Mon 7th Jan – Fri 5th April inclusive
- Spring half term – Mon 18th Feb – Fri 22nd Feb inclusive
- Summer term – Tues 23rd April – Tues 23rd July inclusive
- Summer half term – Mon 27th – Fri 31st May inclusive

We try as closely as possible to follow Dorset term dates. However funding is only available for 14 weeks for the autumn term, 11 weeks for the spring term and 13 weeks for the summer term. A total of 38 weeks where as schools are funded for 39 weeks.

(Summer funding starts on the 1st April which is 1 week in the spring term. Just to keep us on our toes!)

Sunbeams remains open for 50 weeks of the year for stretched funding and all year round bookings.



This year we successfully raised and released 10 butterflies

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