



Summer Term Newsletter



Inset Days

We have 3 inset days coming up this half term. The first is on Thursday 24th June 2021, this is so our practitioners can access some new curriculum training ready for when the new EYFS comes in in September.

We are also having 2 inset days at the end of term which is Monday 26th July and Tuesday 27th July. So the children's last day at Kiddy Winks will be Friday 23rd July.

Management Committee

We have some spaces on our Voluntary Management Committee . We are looking for parents who would be interested in learning more about how the nursery is run, decision making, fundraising etc. To be successful you must complete an enhanced DBS check. Committee usually meets once a month there is always tea and biscuits and being part of a Management Committee always looks good on a CV! If you are interested please speak to Natalie, Toni or Jo in the office and we will arrange for your DBS to be completed, or if you would like more information about the role of the Management Committee please get in touch.

30 Hours Childcare

If you are a working parent and your child is 3 years old you may be entitled to the 30hrs extended entitlement from September. If you think you may be eligible then now is the time to apply! The address to visit is [childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). If you are successful in your application you will receive a code which we will need from you at nursery to access the funding for your child's place. Please apply as soon as possible as you may miss out on funding for September 2021.

Keeping Safe

Can we take this opportunity to remind parents to be vigilant when dropping off and picking up your children from nursery. Please stay with your child until you child is with a member of staff in nursery. Please ensure you stay with your child at all times even when walking to and from cars etc. Can we also remind you that we will not let a child leave nursery while you are on a mobile phone as this is a health and safety risk to both you and your child. If you have little ones that usually stay in the car while you drop off your child, can you please either bring them with you out of the car when you drop off /pick up or please give us a ring and we will come and help if you need assistance with this. We have had a few occasions where children have not been in appropriate car seats . It is your responsibility and a legal requirement that you ensure your child is safe whilst in the car. If you need any more information on this please go to www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules

Coronavirus

Just a reminder that parents should still be wearing masks when dropping off and picking up children. Also remember to stay 2 metres apart when waiting for you child to leave. A reminder that if your child develops a new continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual), a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell then please keep your child at home and get them tested using the 119 service, please do not use a Rapid Antigen Test these are for people without symptoms.

September

In September the Early Years Foundation Stage, which is the curriculum we follow at Kiddy Winks, will be changing. These main points to the new reforms are...

- Reducing practitioner workload and needless paperwork to allow for more quality time and interactions with the children
- Improving the outcomes of all children and addressing/reducing the disadvantage gaps
- Making early learning goals clearer and more aligned to Y1 curriculum.

Your child may be getting a new key person in September. Each September we move staff around to ensure all staff get to work with all ages. A letter will be sent out near the end of term informing you of who their new key person will be.

Lunch Boxes

Just a reminder about lunch boxes. Can we please ask parents to find healthy alternatives to processed foods, sweets, chocolate, biscuits etc. Healthy alternatives such as crackers, wraps, pasta if your child doesn't like sandwiches. Cheese chunks, pieces of meat, chopped vegetables and fruit, yoghurts etc. Please do not send your child with nuts, rice or shellfish in their lunch box. If you would like to send your child with a warm lunch please provide this in a thermos container and let the staff know your child has a warm lunch to avoid it being put in the fridge. Please do not send you child with a drink as milk/water is provided.

General Reminders

- Please clearly label all clothing, lunch boxes, nappies, wipes etc with your child's name.
- Can you please supply your child with a water bottle such as a sports bottle that they can keep at nursery. This is to ensure your child has free access to water throughout the day.
- If your child is in nappies could you please make sure your child has an adequate supply of nappies and wipes for their sessions at Kiddy Winks, please provide them in a bag we can keep in the changing area, not a carrier bag as these are a health and safety risk. A rucksack or drawstring bag would be sufficient.
- Please dress your child in appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather. If your child comes to school in a car please remember that throughout the day we will be playing outside and they will still require sun cream, sunhat and a top which covers their shoulders in hot, sunny weather.
- If your child stays for lunch, could you please label their lunch boxes clearly with your child's name.
- Could we ask parents to please make sure they pick their child up on time at the end of sessions.
- Please ensure your child's fees are up to date. If they fall behind after 2 weeks we will have to freeze your child's nursery place until the arrears are repaid
- Could we also remind parents to leave their child's toys and personal items at home, as they will get lost at nursery and arguments do happen over toys. This can cause upset with the children. If a child loses a toy at nursery we will not be held responsible if it is lost or misplaced.

You will be receiving a phone call from your child's key worker very soon to have a chat about your child's development. We will let you know nearer the time when this will be.

You can follow us on Facebook search for Kiddy Winks Pre School and look for our bear. We also have a website at www.kiddywinks.org.uk.

We will be closing for the summer break on Friday 23rd July 2021 and we reopen on Wednesday 1st September 2021