St Catherine's Independent Nursery - Newsletter 11 - July 2018

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th July – Parent Partnership Evening - Phonics

Tuesday 10th July – Sport's Day

Friday 13th July – Graduation Party for children leaving for school

Wednesday 18th July – Parent's Evening

Friday 20th July – Funded only children's last day of the Summer term.

Monday 3rd September – First day of Autumn term

Tuesday 4th December – Nursery Nativity 9.30am (Nursery is closed after the nativity)

Friday 7th December – Christmas party 1pm-4pm (Nursery is closed in the morning)

Graduation Day

We will be celebrating the children's graduation from nursery to school on Friday 13th July, between 1pm and 3pm, all children that will be graduating from nursery are invited to the party. If your child/children do not normally attend on this day they must be picked up promptly at 3pm. The nursery photographer will be attending so party clothes are essential! If your child attends for a full day on Friday, please provide your child with party clothes which they will be changed into for the graduation party.

Sports Day

We are hopefully holding the annual nursery "Sports Day" on Tuesday 10th July, weather permitting! We would like to point out that if it is **too hot** or has been **raining** during the night before, a risk assessment will be undertaken, and a decision will be made as to whether we can go ahead with the event. We realise that parents may have taken time off from work to attend, but the safety of the children is paramount.

Please apply sun cream to your child/children beforehand and ensure your child/children arrive wearing trainers and shorts! We would also advise parents/carers to dress appropriately as they will be coerced into joining in with the parent's races. There will be one "Sports Day" session in the morning and it will

begin at 9.30.a.m. If your child/children do not normally attend on this day, they can still come along and join in the event.

Summer Foot wear

Please can you ensure that your child wears suitable foot wear for nursery, open toe sandals and crocs are not allowed due to health and safety risks, a full shoe must be worn to prevent any accidents from happening.

Parent Partnership Evening

We are holding our termly Parent Partnership Evening on Monday 9th July at 6pm until 6.45pm. The evening will be focussed on phonics, and how parents can support their child at home, and the nursery resources that we have available. I hope to see you all there! Please can you inform Mrs Brockliss asap if you would like to attend.

Sun Safety Campaign

We have been informed that the weather forecasts lots of sunshine and high temperatures over next few weeks.

Please find attached factsheets on how to enjoy the weather and remain safe in the sun.

Policy of the Month

Please find attached our 'Food play' policy for you to read. If you have you have any queries or would like to contribute your ideas regarding our policies and procedures, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

Nursery **policies and procedures** are available to view on our website, and I urge parents to **become familiar** with them. In particular please be aware of our **Safeguarding/child protection policy, Compliments and Complaints, Accidents and First Aid, Medication, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Late Collection and Non-Collection, and Lost Child Procedure from Nursery and Lost Child Procedure from Outings policies and procedures.** If you do not have access to the internet you can request to view our policies and procedures at any time, just speak to a member of staff who would be happy to assist you.

Please follow the link below to view our policies and procedures:

http://www.stcatherinesnursery.co.uk/policy-documents/

First Aid Classes for parents

First Aid classes for parents are available locally for as little as £20 a class, please follow the link below for more information and/or to book a class.

https://lancashire.minifirstaid.co.uk/

Parents Evening

We are holding an informal Parents Evening on Wednesday 18th July.

We would encourage all parents to make an appointment with their child's key-person as we strongly feel that this is an invaluable opportunity to share information on the development of your children.

There is a parents evening appointment schedule on the wall near the fish tank.

Please return the, 'What to Expect and When' booklets to your child's keyperson a.s.a.p.

Important information for parents whose children are leaving nursery

Four weeks' notice is required for children leaving nursery to go to school or to go to another setting. Also, your nursery fees **must** be up to date before your child leaves nursery.

If you require part time child care in September whilst your child transitions into school life, please inform Mrs Brockliss or Mrs Marriott with your requested dates and times. Unfortunately, we will not be able to confirm whether or not your child can attend nursery during school transition until the end of August.

Learning Journey Deadline

For those parents whose child/children are due to leave nursery, your child's / children's completed learning journey will be available to download/print off from Friday 27th July and it will be deleted from the i-cloud on Friday 31st August to make room for our new starters. Please ensure that you download or print your child's learning journey before this date, as once it is deleted it is irretrievable. Any questions please don't hesitate to speak to your child's key person.

Healthy Eating

Over the summer period all children will need to bring a packed lunch to nursery. For Healthy lunch box ideas please follow the link below:

http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx

Words for life – fun activities for children getting ready for school

Please find attached a booklet entitled, 'I spy a Picture Book', which supports parents in promoting Literacy at home.

Word of the week

W/C – 2nd July – Spectacular

W/C 9th July – Curious

W/C 16th July – Marvellous

W/C 23rd July – Independent

Nursery Rhyme of the week

W/C – 2nd July – Five little speckled frogs

W/C 9th July – Incy Wincy spider

W/C 16th July – Humpty Dumpty

W/C 23rd July – Grand Old Duke of York

Follow the links below for all of the words to the nursery rhymes above and more!

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs

http://wordsforlife.literacytrust.org.uk/songs?gclid=CJKOodf02NMCFVAQ0wodT7sIHg

Sound of the Week

W/C – 2nd July – d

W/C 9th July – g

W/C 16th July – o

W/C 23rd July – u

Mathematics in the Home – Home Library

As you are aware our main-focus for learning and development throughout this term is Mathematics, and we urge parents to get involved at home to teach their child essential mathematic life skills.
We have recently purchased engaging, monster-themed maths games designed by Alice Sharp, all contained in five handy take home backpacks.
This set features a delightful monster character in each bag, all with an assortment of accessories and an activity booklet packed with ideas for maths games.

The activities help to embed early maths concepts such as sorting, matching pairs, size, pattern, sequencing, shapes and opposites. Children will love finding the

monsters, matching socks, dressing him in a patterned tie and glasses, finding the right sized shirt or seeing what is in his bag.

As the sets are quite expensive, we are asking for a deposit of £10.00, which will be refunded when your child leaves nursery, if no loss or damage has occurred.

If you are interested in taking part in the home library, please speak with your key-person.

The monster-themed maths bags will be yours for a period of one week, after this time please return them to the nursery. All the components of the bags will be checked to ensure that they are complete before they are issued.

Please ensure that that a member of staff has verified that the bags are complete on their return otherwise you will be held financially responsible for any missing components.

Nursery Facebook page

I encourage all parents to like our Facebook page, and I will keep you all updated with the many exciting activities that your children thoroughly enjoy! I have posted quite a few different activities that the children have enjoyed participating in, and we have had a great response from parents, as they have had an insight into what their child has been doing at nursery, and it has created a talking point for parent and child. Please follow the link below to our Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/MossLaneLeyland/

Yours sincerely

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Nursery Manager