



Pathways Nurseries & Childcare Centres Ltd

PARENTS NEWSLETTER May 2018

Diary dates:

WC 21 st May	Sponsored Bounce
29 th May to 1 st June	Half-term holiday club
Woodland Trails 6 th June, The Courtyard 11 th June	Parents Social and Information Evening
WC 11 th June	Healthy Eating Week
WC 25 th June	Open Week / Enrolment Week
WC 25 th June	Parents consultation week
Balsall Common and Holly Lane 16 th July, Courtyard 17 th July, Warwick 18 th July, Woodland Trails 19 th July.	Summer Fayre including - Teddy Bear's Picnic, Mini- Sports and Family Day

Events - please keep an eye on the A Frames and parents board for announcements in relation to forthcoming events.

Teaching and Learning - The curriculum is in line with national guidance and followed by all nursery providers. The programmes run from birth to 60 months. We focus on active learning, communication and language plus physical for under 3s and begin to teach early reading, writing and number skills in focused groups in our 3-4 year olds group. Planning is on display for you in the settings.

School readiness - There will be more on 'Transitions' on the next newsletter. Pathways supports school readiness by encouraging children to gain independence, be able to communicate their feelings and needs, to listen attentively and to gain a sense of curiosity, make choices, and engage in learning experiences. These skills are essential for the more formal learning that begins later on. A reminder, that it is NOT essential for children to write their name, rote learn words/numbers before starting full time school - social skills are far more important at this stage. See the EYFS (2017) or What to Expect When (copies available at nursery).

Observations/photos and assessment

We have started using the 'IConnect daily' You should now be receiving Gallery Photos, Moments and Observations, plus an occasional summary assessment. 2 year checks will all be online from June 1st. Please ensure you have logged on to Parent Zone, and support your child's next steps at home.

Outdoor Play - As recommended by Ofsted, we will be improving opportunities for children to experience risk and challenge outdoors. This may mean a few bumps and bruises, as children explore and gain a sense of their limits, negotiate space etc.. Any bumps and scrapes are reported to you using the established procedure. All staff are first aid trained and will respond/contact you as well as emergency services in the rare and unlikely event of any serious accidents. Levels of supervision are high and staff always stand by climbing and balancing equipment. Outdoors is for exploring and active learning across all 7 areas of learning.



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Safeguarding and Welfare - Contact details - Please notify the office if your phone number has changed in case of emergency we must have current contact details.

Please provide **Suncream and Sunhats** (named) for your child to protect them should we be lucky enough to have good weather over the next few months .

Facebook - We are developing our use of Facebook further to share information with you and with a wider audience, so please check for updates and feel free to add a comment on the photos.

Quality improvement - We continue to evaluate and improve practice. This term we have offered staff extra training on assessment and interactions. Our focus for the next few months is outdoor learning.

We are delighted to let you know that our Warwick branch was recently judged Outstanding. We now have 3 out of 5 branches at this level. The other 2, most recently opened, are yet to be inspected, but do operate on similar lines and meet the criteria for 'Good' with some Outstanding features. Over time we aspire for them to continually improve until they also meet all the Outstanding criteria. Suffice to say, the children are a credit to you in all our settings and parental support is appreciated and essential to ensure the children are achieving their potential.



Holiday Club - All sites operate all of the half term and summer school break. Pick your own days/hours and choose from a range of activities on offer. This is an excellent way to keep your children in their routine and provide continuity of learning.

Older children are also able to attend - ask for details or visit our www.pathwaysnursery.co.uk/holidayclub

Introduce a friend voucher - We ask for your support in telling friends about Pathways and ensuring they book spaces well in advance. We are now booking for children who wish to start between now and April 2019. If you require extra sessions as your child gets older please book now.

You will shortly receive an introduce a friend voucher which is worth £50.00 in fees.

GDPR - Privacy and Data Protection

As you may know there have been some revision to data protection regulations. The company is compliant with how your/your child's data is stored, shared and transferred. We are developing a revised policy and this will be made available to parents in due course.

Invoices - Please let us know immediately if your child is attending but you have not received an invoice, or if your invoice is incorrect. We are using a new system, and there may be some teething problems.

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