



Pathways Nurseries & Childcare Centres Ltd

PARENTS NEWSLETTER July 2018

A final brief newsletter by way of thanks to all of you for your support this year and a farewell to those starting school or moving on. It has been another busy year with the opening of our new setting The Courtyard in Barston, Solihull and with numerous events throughout the year.

It has also been a year in which our drive for improvement was externally validated with three of our branches being judged as Outstanding by Ofsted.

We now look forward to expansion at our Warwick branch opening extra spaces for under 2s in September.

Staffing - There are a few staffing changes taking place, and updated lists will be on the notice boards and our website. Our staff have been an asset again this year and we have been focusing on training related to quality interactions as well as phasing in the new iConnect system.

Expressing your view - A reminder to those families who are still with us, your views are important and taken into account. Thank you for completing the questionnaires and please speak to branch managers or e mail the office if you have any concerns or indeed compliments about our provision. Action plans will be drawn up for 2018-19 and take account of your views.

Fundraising - There have been a limited number of optional small fundraising events through the year, raffles, photographer, and the recent sponsored bounce. The totals raised in the bounce were:

£398.00 – Woodland Trails
£65.18 – Warwick
£180.00 – The Courtyard
£155.00 – Balsall Common
£204.00 – Holly Lane

Total - £1002.18

Many thanks to everyone who supported these events.

The raffles and games totals raised:
£187.48 – Woodland Trails
£105.80 – Warwick
£58.70 – The Courtyard
£91.00 – Balsall Common / Holly Lane

Total - £442.98

A proportion will be donated to local causes and the remainder used for extra resources to benefit the children. Details on the Autumn Newsletter.

Invoices and accounts - Please pay your invoices promptly as August is the end of our financial year and we need to finalise the accounts. This will avoid late payment charges.

We are open over the summer and children not booked in, may attend on a flexi basis. Please ask for a booking form. We also have some activities for school age children - booking forms and activities are on our website at:

www.pathwaysnursery.co.uk/holidayclub



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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. If a friend registers their child then ask them to put your name at top of their registration form and you will receive £50.00 credit on your account or a £50.00 One4all gift card once the child has been with us for one month.

Outdoor Learning - help needed - We are always on the lookout for the following items to support the children's outdoor experiences, so please support us by recycling these items for the children to play and explore.

Mud Kitchen - Pots, Pans, Baking Trays, Serving Spoons, Wooden bowls, Wooden Spoons, Ladles and Sieves...

Digging and Planting - Small garden tools, gloves, seeds, wooden pots, plantpots, watering cans, hose piping, garden canes, small wheelbarrow...

Sensory and Climbing - Bicycle wheels, woodworking tools, musical instruments, sheets for den making, guttering, stepping stones, buckets...



Children who are leaving

It is always emotional to say farewell to our children and families at this time of year. We hope many of you will keep in touch and your children will attend our holiday clubs. I personally would like to thank you for allowing us to play a part in their journey.

We would appreciate it, if you could leave a review on [Facebook](#) to encourage new parents to choose Pathways. We would also hope you will tell friends about us as word of mouth is so important in sustaining our intake each year.

Children's learning journals will be completed over the Summer. These can be collected during the Summer. You can contact your nursery manager to come in and collect them.

Your data will be stored and used in line with our GDPR and other responsibilities.

We wish all of you a safe summer, good health and a happy future for your children. Please keep in touch and if we can be of any help in the future you only have to ask.

Final notes - The children have been an absolute credit to you and to themselves. As I move around month by month, I have really seen every one of them progressing and developing in confidence as learners. We look forward to another year with our new children and all those who are staying with us. Our staff have worked hard with your support and are a wonderful team. Sadly, one of our former staff, Anne Lunn, died recently of a brain haemorrhage, so the year ended with some nostalgia.

Next year sees our 25th year at Warwick and our 30th year in operation, there will be a number of events to mark these anniversaries.

Please keep an eye on Facebook, the website and the notice boards for information about forthcoming events

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