



Pathways Nurseries & Childcare Centres Ltd

PARENTS NEWSLETTER October 2018

Diary dates:

WC 29 th October	Bonfire Safety Week
WC 12 th November	Parents Workshop – More information to follow.
WC 12 th November	Nursery Rhyme Week
WC 3 rd December	Parents Consultation Week
Balsall Common and Holly Lane 17 th December, Warwick 18 th December, Courtyard 19 th December, Woodland Trails 20 th December.	Family sing song and party - A family event to celebrate together and a visit from Santa. 9.30-10.30am.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to any new children who have recently joined us. We look forward to seeing all your children grow, learn and develop over the coming years. During the next few weeks, our staff will be planning educational programmes, with a focus on exploring natural and open-ended materials, nurturing, developing routines and relationships to form a solid base from which they can develop their learning dispositions, and ideas. The priority for all children is to reach their potential in the three prime areas of:

Physical Development – Personal and Social Development – Communication and Language

For the older children, we also focus on extending learning across the 4 Specific Areas.

Expressive Arts and Design, Understanding the World, Early Literacy and Numeracy.

Please ensure you collect a copy of What to Expect When – a document to help you support your child at home and become familiar with what would be typically expected at certain stages. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's learning and development, please let us know.

Mini-topic

Exploring materials – at some point, we will focus on encouraging the children to move, create and express themselves through the use of fabrics. If any of you have any net curtains, curtains, silk, throws, carpet offcuts or unwanted material in clean condition this will be gratefully received. In the outdoors, children will use their senses to explore the natural environment.

Booking spaces

We are now booking for January, April and September 2019, so please tell friends, including those who are eligible for 2,3, and 4 year old funding, to come along and express an interest as soon as possible. You can claim £50.00 off your invoice or a gift voucher, for introducing a new booking. We will be marketing places over the coming weeks and demand is quite high so early booking is essential. Each enquiry/application will be dated and confirmed, as places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.



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Increasing sessions

Also, if you are intending to increase your sessions at a later point in time please let us know as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

Funding is available for eligible 2 year olds and all 3-4 year olds. Information for 2 -year old funding can be found at www.solihull.gov.uk/2yearoldfunding Please ask staff if you need support with your online application.

Any child who is 3 before 1st January, 2019, is entitled to 15 nursery education funded hours a week from January, staying until they start their school reception class.

Our 2-3 and 3-4 year old nursery groups provide educational programmes and assessments in line with national EYFS guidance, ensuring a smooth transition to school when the time comes.

30 hours funding is also available for eligible parents.



Quality

We are a family run nursery and listening to parents is important to us. We have robust systems for monitoring quality and are always striving to improve. The quality director (Beth) and team, rotate around each branch and we are currently focusing on Woodland Trails until half term and then The Courtyard, if you have any suggestions as we move forward please let us know.

A reminder that children are very busy and learn so much through exploring, interacting and active involvement. If they do not bring home a drawing or painting it is because they have been too busy doing other things! Of course, we encourage mark making, drawing and creative activities that may have an end product. However, our philosophy is:

'What they bring home in their heads is more important than what they bring home in their hands'

Website

If you have not already done so, please keep an eye on our Facebook Page/s you can like by clicking [here](#) – this will help keep you in touch and informed.

Attendance

If your child is not able to attend please let us know by phone. This will save staff spending time having to call you. For safeguarding reasons, we are required to record and follow up unauthorised absences.

Staffing

Giving our staff experiences at our various branches is a key strength in terms of staff professional development and improves practice overall, as it provides an opportunity for sharing ideas, and staff do move to cover absences. However, each branch has a core team and key persons based there on a regular basis. A list of staff is available on the website and also on the branch notice board. It only remains for me to thank you again for your ongoing support and welcome any new children to the 'Pathways' family.

Caroline A. Jones (Director) and team

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