



Pathways Nurseries & Childcare Centres Ltd

NURSERY PARENTS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

Diary dates and curriculum focus:

Wc 11th February	Love, kindness and friendship week
18th-22nd February	Half -term holiday club, also open to funded children and children from 4 years upwards
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12th March (Woodland Trails)	Supporting Education from birth to five - Parents Session
Friday 29th March	Mother's Day Celebration Mums, Nans and Aunties all welcome
8th – 11th April	Assessing your child's progress - Parents Consultations - (details to follow)
19th & 22nd April	Closed Good Friday /Easter Monday
12th April – 26th April	Half -term holiday club, also open to funded children and children from 4 years upwards



Teaching and Learning

We continue to promote all seven areas of learning and development in ways appropriate to you child's stage. This term we focus on caring for living things, change and Spring. Our routine embeds language and communication, PSED and Physical development. Please support your child by ensuring they have plenty of physical experiences throughout the week. Government guidance suggests 90 minutes a day (including nursery) for good health and avoidance of obesity.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to any new children and families who have recently joined us. Apologies for the delay in this Spring newsletter. As some of you may know, I have been quite poorly following fall and having to undergo surgery in Cyprus before Christmas. However, I am now home soon and am improving every day. I would like to say 'thank you' to all parents and children for their well wishes. Beth and her team have been doing a fantastic job in my absence.

Further to Mick's funeral before Christmas, the raffles raised £337.00 which was donated on our behalf to Macmillan cancer support.



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Now booking for April and September 2019

All 3-4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours nursery education funded hours a week until they leave in July 2019 or July 2020 to start school reception class. 30 hours funding is also available for eligible parents. Our 3-4 year old nursery education groups provide educational programmes and assessments in line with national EYFS guidance, ensuring a smooth transition to your chosen school when the time comes.

For younger children if you are intending to increase your sessions at a later point in time please let us know in advance to avoid disappointment. Funding is available for eligible 2 year olds and all 3-4 year olds. Please ask staff if you need support with your online application.

Invoices - Please ensure you pay your invoice promptly in order to avoid late payment surcharges.

Ofsted

We are delighted to inform you that our branch, Woodland Trails, in North Solihull was recently inspected and judged Outstanding. Obviously, we are always striving to improve and this does not mean we are infallible. However, it is an external recognition of which we are very proud and we continue to work hard to ensure the provision is as good as it can possibly be.

“Staff are skilled in their approach to learning and have very high expectations for what children can achieve”

“Leaders and Managers are passionate and inspirational”

“Children behave exceptionally well in the setting as staff use a calm, positive and individualised approach to help children to understand and manage their own behaviour”

Safeguarding

Pathways staff are fully committed to protecting children from harm or neglect and take all possible measures to help children stay safe.

All our settings have a trained Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and we also have a company DSL Beth Casey. If you have any concerns about your child or any other child please speak to us.

‘Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility’

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Training – Staff Makaton Workshop



We held a fantastic group training session at The Courtyard Nursery School on Saturday 2nd February.

A selection of staff members from each of the Pathways settings attended Makaton Training delivered by Helene Elia (a qualified and experienced Speech and Language Therapist)

The training provided us with information about what Makaton is and how it can be used to support communication with children and families in our different settings. We learnt lots of signs and symbols from the core vocabulary which are needed for everyday communication.

Parent Volunteers

We welcome parent volunteers, subject to suitability checks. If you are interested, please e-mail the office. This does not require a commitment but is a good opportunity to be involved and find out more about how children learn and develop.

We would all like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our efforts.

Current Vacancies

We have several full and part time positions available across all of our settings. Please email Beth Casey for details bethcasey@pathwaysnursery.co.uk

Caroline Jones (Director) and Team