



## Pathways Nurseries & Childcare Centres Ltd

### Parents Newsletter October 2019 - The Courtyard

#### Diary dates:

#### Parent events

<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 - 9.30</b>	<b>Parent Information Evening plus cheese and wine - invitation to follow</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 by arrangement</b>	<b>Parent Consultation Week</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Family Event for Parents - Details to follow</b>

#### Curriculum Focus

<b>21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Fire and Firework safety
<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Diwali
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Day
<b>11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nursery Rhyme Week
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30 -11.00</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day (Children in Need)

#### Anniversary Celebrations

We are delighted to be celebrating 30 years since Pathways originally started in Balsall Common. Over the years, with support from parents, local authority, staff, children and school have worked in partnership to create some outstanding provision, building up knowledge from years of experience.

#### Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Sean Beddows back to the Pathways team. Sean will continue to work in a senior role, leading practice, across the nurseries. Kim had a lovely baby boy over the summer and is on maternity leave. We also welcome Nina who has started with us this term.

#### Fees

There will be a fee increase from January and you will receive a new price list on November 1st. Please pay your invoices promptly to avoid surcharges. Our policy is to suspend a place if payment is not made within the 14 days, and to cancel the place after 28 days if no attempt has been made to pay. All invoices are payable in advance of attendance.



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**Quality** - We continue to reflect on our ongoing quality monitoring and improvement. Parents suggestions are welcome. Our focus this term is on supporting staff to promote positive Behaviour and Attitudes, a key part of our provision. With under 5s this is mainly about developing their curiosity and attitude to learning as well as making connections with others and the environment. We are also still working hard to develop the use of the ParentZone tool moving on from simply sending the photos and occasional observation, to use it as way for parents to make comments and share their child's learning/achievements and experiences at home with us, so we can build on these.

**Curriculum** - Please ensure you have a copy of the document 'What to Expect When' - which is a helpful parents guide to the EYFS. If you do feel there are any significant gaps between your child and other children of a similar age, given that children do develop at different rates, please let us know. Pathways offers a broad and balanced curriculum based on national guidance but with added richness. As parents you can support us and your children in many ways - a key one being in communication and language. Learning through play is the best way for under 5s so simply by playing and interacting we are all supporting a child's learning and development.

Thank you for your support  
Caroline A Jones



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