

MINI MUNCHKINS NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022

Nursery Happenings!

This term we have been adapting the nursery garden by making it more fun and inviting for our children. We made a construction area as well as two high planters to plant fruit and veg and flowers in. We have adapted our mud kitchen area at the back of the garden to create a more forest school experience under the trees with bird feeders. The weather has been very wet, but the children have been playing outside for short times to experience outdoor learning.

Inside our nursery we have adapted a new sensory/calm room which has had some wonderful feedback from the children. All the children have time in this room daily and we use this room as a sleep area for our older children.

Staff news

Sadly, Chloe left our setting before we broke up for Christmas. This was due to a move to Plymouth. We wish her all the best in her pending move. On the plus side, we gained another Michelle (Louise's sister). Michelle has come to our setting to help with cleaning at the end of the day and to assist during the day when needed. We have also gained another new staff member named Sofia. Sofia has had years of experience working as a private nanny and she speaks fluent Portuguese and Spanish. Sofia is unqualified but hopefully will gain a qualification with us in the future. Sofia will start with us at the end of February.

Reminders

***Please remember to bring in named waterproofs and welly boots daily for your child.**

***Can we ask that all clothes to be labelled with your child's name in it please. We are building up a lost property box full of socks. If your child has gone home in spare clothes i.e. trousers, could you bring them back washed please as we have run out.**

***We are on the look out for spare trousers aged 2 years to 4 years. If you have any at home that are unwanted, please do bring them in!**

***Children with colds, please keep your child at home if they have green mucous, rashes, continuous cough and high temperature.**

Food menu's

Last term we had new food menu's put in place based on the Governments healthy food for nurseries site. After a full term of these menus we found that we were wasting a lot of food as the children were not too fond of menus we had. We hate food wastage as you can imagine, so moving forward Chef Elaine will be doing her own weekly food menus based on the children's preferences. Everything will be homemade and the meal for the day will be uploaded onto the diaries (no junk or unhealthy foods promise!) Please do ask your child's keyworker at handover time what your child ate for the day. We have started doing these weekly menus since the start of January and the children are loving them. Once again, we cater for ALL dietary requirements.

General notices
Arriving and leaving nursery

Can we kindly ask that those children who start the 9am session to arrive on time please as best you can. All staff will be in ratio with the children including management after this time. If you are running late for the 9am session you may have to wait outside until staff can get cover to leave the room to answer the door. It's not that we are ignoring the doorbell, it's because staff cannot leave the rooms at this time. The doorbell seems to be playing up but do press it hard as it will sound.

This also applies to picking your child up on time. We understand that this happens due to unforeseen circumstances, but parents must call us if they are running late. Late fees of £1 per minute will be applied to invoices. Please do remember we are open until 6pm and under council regulations we are not allowed to look after children before 8am and after 6pm. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Reporting your child's absence.

If your child is to unwell to attend nursery please could you let us know via phone call or email. Or send us a message on Nursery Story. If your child has a high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste, please do not use a Lateral flow test on them. They would need to get a PCR Covid test at a test site.

Email: info@minimunchkinsnursery.co.uk
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Important Dates:

February 21st – Funded children can return to nursery

Thursday 31st March – end of Spring term for funded children for 2 weeks.

Monday 11th April to Tuesday 19th April – Nursery closed for Easter break.

Wednesday 20th March – Back open as usual for all children.



Healthy teeth

Some of our preschool children having been brushing their teeth at nursery. This was child initiated and they have started bringing in a toothbrush from home. If you would like your child to brush their teeth at nursery, please bring in a spare toothbrush and named tooth paste daily. All fun learning for our little ones.