## LOW HILL NURSERY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to a brand new term at Low Hill Nursery School

Welcome particularly to all of our new families. We look forward to an excellent working relationship with you and encourage you to be involved in all of the school activities. We are always available should you need to talk.

Congratulations to Michelle Dudley who has given birth to a little girl. Both are doing really well. In Michelle's absence, Nikki Hollowood will be in charge of our Toddler and Rising 3s provision.

I will be going into hospital for surgery this week and will be absent for 6-8weeks. Tracy Mayo will being charge of the school in my absence. I hope to be back in school by mid June.

## **Parking**

I have received a number of complaints from local residents in Jenks Avenue about Parents who park in the street whilst dropping off or collecting their children from school. Can I ask that if you do park in Jenks Avenue, you consider how and where you park and that you are mindful of how this may affect others? Thank you.

#### Mobile Phones

You will have seen notices across the Nursery about mobile phones. Can I please remind parents not to use their mobile phones in any of the Nursery rooms? This is to safeguard all of our children. Staff will be asking you to put your mobile phones away when you enter the building if you have not already done so.

## Social Networking

Our staff are not allowed to accept friend requests from parents on any of the Social Networking sites. This is part of the school Safeguarding Policy. I would respectfully ask that Parents do not send friend requests as they will be declined.

#### School Fund

We ask that parents donate £1 per week to our school fund.

This can be given to your child's teacher at the beginning of the week. This supports us in daily activities like cooking and providing party food etc.

# School Library Books

The Nursery Children will bring home a library book every week for you to share together at home. Reading with your child is very important for many reasons and certainly helps them to develop the skills they will need in the future when they are learning to read for themselves. Please fill in the reading diary we send with the book.

Book bags are provided free of charge.

## School Uniform

We will continue to sell polo shirts and sweatshirts at the school office very soon. They will be in the Royal blue colour of the school and bear the school logo.

The polo shirts will be sold for £4.99 and the sweatshirts will cost £6.50.

<u>The uniform is **not** compulsory</u>. It is there for those of you who require it. We will hold a variety of sizes and can order other sizes should you need them. Please see Jas or Pauline in the office.

#### Attendance

We understand that at times your child is not well enough to attend school. Should this be the case we ask that you telephone the school on 01902 558124 to let us know. We encourage you to bring your child to school on all other occasions as it is very important for them to have continuity and build relationships with staff and their friends. The early stages of a child's development are the most crucial. Every Friday in Nursery we will be giving out attendance certificates to those children who have attended all week. There will be prizes at the end of each half term for those children who have the best attendance. If you are experiencing difficulties in getting your child to school for any reason, please speak to us - we may be able to help!

# School App

If you have not already down loaded the school app then ask at the office for details of how to do so. There will be lots of information on the app for you to look at. We will use it to communicate with you about all sorts of issues. It's free and fun!!

## Supporting Families

Our Supporting families' worker Jess Timmins will be on site to meet with anyone who is in need of support around benefits, housing, other general family support. She will be available on May 19<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 2 pm. If you would like an appointment to see her please see Jas or Pauline in the office.

## Important dates

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Angie from Animal Antics will be bringing animals to nursery to show the children

Friday 26th May - Parent Workshop - Storytelling - details to follow

Half Term Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June - School closed for Inset Training Day

Friday 23rd June - Sunflowers Class visit to NEC Birmingham

Monday 17th July - Sunflowers Class visit to SNAP Playground - details to follow

Friday  $21^{st}$  July - Graduation Day for our Nursery Children who will be starting Reception Year in September - details to follow

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - School closed to allow Open Day for new children starting in September

Staff are currently arranging trips for the children - details will follow shortly

Best wishes to you all.

## Gill, Tracy and the Team



# School Terms and Holiday Dates 2017

## Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May

(Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June)
School closed for Inset Training day
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Monday 5 June to Tuesday 25 July School closed for Open Days Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

#### Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September 2017 to Friday 20th October 2017

(Half term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October)

Monday  $30^{th}$  October 2017 to Wednesday  $20^{th}$  December 2017