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Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy term it has been! A warm welcome back to all our returning children and new families. We have been very impressed with how well our new starters have settled in.

Saplings News

The children had a great time taking part in the fun run this week!



Meet the Staff

Some of you will be familiar with the Saplings staff but for our new parents we thought it might be useful to introduce ourselves.

Hi, I'm Angie
Preschool
Leader



Hi, I'm Michelle
Deputy
Preschool
Leader & SENCo



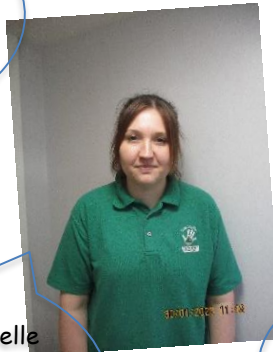
Hi, I'm Kelly
Preschool
Practitioner



Hi, I'm Liz
Preschool
Practitioner



Hi, I'm Chantelle
Preschool
Practitioner



Hi, I'm Natasha
Preschool
Practitioner



Hi, I'm Vicky
Preschool
Practitioner



Hi, I'm Maria
Preschool
Administrator



Hi, I'm Pat
Lunch Support
& bank staff



Staff News/Update

This term we welcomed Vicky to the team. Vicky already has experience working with preschool age children and is currently working towards her Level 3 Diploma in Early Years.

Saplings Reminders

30 hour funding

For those of you who are eligible for 30-hour funding please ensure you continue to update your details regularly with HMRC. You will receive a reminder from them when this is due. Codes that have lapsed will not be accepted and you will be required to pay for your child's sessions.

For those of you who are applying for 30-hour funding for the first time and plan to use this next term (January) please ensure you apply before the deadline. Please then inform us if you are eligible and have received an 11 digit code, so we can put the relevant paperwork in place.

For further information on 30-hour funding eligibility please visit www.chilcarechoices.gov.uk.

Absence

Please could we remind everyone of our sickness procedure, if your child/ren have had vomiting or diarrhea they must stay off preschool from a minimum of 48 hours from the last bout. If you feel your child is under the weather and they require Calpol, we recommend keeping your child at home so you can monitor them more closely.

Please can we remind Parents/Carers to **clearly name** all your child's personal belongings.

We would encourage you to bring water in your child's drinks bottle rather than juice/squash. As the children have access to their drinks bottles all day, we do not want a child to drink from the wrong bottle, so we would please ask that you only bring water in your child's bottle.

Even when diluted, fruit juice/squash can cause tooth decay. For older children, these drinks can fill children up so they're not hungry for healthier food. Oral Health is now an important part of the EYFS curriculum.



Lunches - Parentpay

It is really important that you select and pay for your child's school hot lunch on ParentPay in advance, ideally for the term, but if this is not possible, please could you ensure this is done weekly by **9.00am Monday morning** of the coming week.



Kids Club

Please could you let Kids Club know if you wish to cancel a session or if your child is going to be absent for that day. If your child attends kids club and you need to pass on a message or make an enquiry, please could you telephone or email:

01525 402735 option 4 or kids.club@firslower.org

Please note that Saplings do not manage places or charges for Kids Club.

Saplings request!

If you are out and about over half term, we will be sending home a scavenger hunt list with some ideas of what the children could look for. We would like to make an Autumn interest tray and create some collages with the children. We look forward to seeing what you find!

We are looking for two traditional medium sized **teddy bears**, in good condition and these ideally need to be machine washable. If you have any that you would like to donate to Saplings, please either send a photo or bring in for us to establish if they are suitable for what we need them for.



September & October Birthdays

Happy 3rd birthday

Tai, Remelle, Willow

Happy 4th birthday

Orla, James, Aiden, Bella, Francesca, Hannah, Alfie, Rosie



Dates for your diary:

End of term- Friday 20th October

Half term- Monday 23rd October- Friday 27th October

Teacher training day- Monday 30th October

Preschool reopens- Tuesday 31th October

Open Evening -Tuesday 7th November - For parents with children starting school in Sept 2024- 6:30pm-8pm

Children in Need Day- Friday 17th November (more details to follow)

Parent consultations- Week commencing 27th November

Christmas craft activity day- Saturday 25th November

Christmas tree festival - Saturday 2nd December (more details to follow)

PTFA, "Crazy Colin" show - Tuesday 5th December (details in separate email)

Christmas dinner- Monday 18th December

Christmas Break- Wednesday 20th December- Tuesday 2nd January

Teacher Training day - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Preschool re-opens - Wednesday 3rd January 2024

From The Saplings Team

Angie, Maria, Kelly, Michelle, Liz, Natasha, Pat, Chantelle and
Vicky.