

Our Nursery Newsletter



Winter 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

A very happy new year to all our parents and careers. As always we have had a very busy term so far at the Nursery with many learning opportunities. This week the dentist came into the nursery to demonstrate to the children brushing their teeth and teaching good and bad oral hygiene.



We have experienced staff shortages this term due to the number of positive Covid cases within the nursery. We have endeavoured to keep you up to date with the key children's learning journeys. However, it hasn't always been possible to keep as up to date on our Babysdays system as we would like. We hope the cases have subsided and we can resume back to normal! Enabling us to keep you up-to-date on your child's learning and development.

For up to date Coronavirus guidance and advice please follow the coronavirus COVID -19 links on our website
<http://www.barbiesplayschool.co.uk/>

Term 3

Term 3 started 4th January and will finish 11th Feb for our funded children. Unfortunately there are no holiday spaces available for the February half term.

Term 4

Will resume on the 21st February and finishes on the 28th March.

Garden Makeover

From next Thursday 17th February our big garden in front of the nursery is having a makeover. We are having new artificial grass laid due to it flooding in heavy rain. Therefore the children can continue to access the garden safely. This will be causing a disruption to the nursery over Thursday 17th and Friday 18th. The work should be completed by Monday 21st February. We will also be repainting the fence panels. We apologise for any

inconvenience this may cause and thank you in advance for your patience.

Staffing

We try our utmost at Barbies Playschool and Selwyn House Nursery to keep staffing as consistent as possible during the academic year to ensure consistency for your child, however this is not always possible and at the end of this term we will be saying an extremely sad farewell to a very valued member of staff, Emma from the Forest Class. Emma has a position as a teaching assistant within a local school, and we wish her all the best in her future career.

Jenny will be taking over Emma's role of supervisor and Sarha will be joining her in the forest garden.

Some of you are aware that Seri from Green class is going on maternity leave after the half term. Cali will be the green class supervisor, supporting her will be Heather and Bernadette. We wish Seri all the very best with the safe arrival of her baby boy and that she enjoys her maternity time!

Victoria is our new supervisor of Yellow Class, Holly and Chantelle. will be supporting Victoria. Victoria is an experienced member of staff. Victoria has been working in the early years for 33 years.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding with these recent staff changes.

SENCo

Connie our setting SENCo will be in the nursery Tuesdays & Thursdays. If you would like to chat about your child or have any concerns around their development or you may just want to chat about any difficulties you are experiencing at home with your child then please feel free to contact Connie.

Training

Many staff have updated their First Aid training and food hygiene certificates. A few members of staff completed Hygge training in the early years. This is a Danish approach to living well that focuses on being in the moment and embracing the feelings of warmth, simplicity and togetherness.



Safer Internet day



Car seats and Parking

Please can we remind you not to leave a child alone in any vehicle. There is no specific law against this. However, it is an offence to leave your child alone if it places them at risk. *Heat stroke is the biggest danger, other risks include being trapped, setting the car in motion or being taken from the car.* If you see a child left alone inside a car call 999 to get them out as quickly as possible.

For more information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/law-on-leaving-your-child-home-alone>

Please ensure you have a car seat for your child. UK law states that children must use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135cm/4ft 5in tall, whichever comes first. *However, safety experts recommend that you use a child car seat for all children under 150cm/4ft 11in.* For further information visit <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules> <https://www.childcarseats.org.uk/choosing-using/> to ensure you have the right car seat fitted.

We would like to remind all parents when bringing their children by car to please be considerate when dropping off and picking up your child up from nursery. Do not park on pavements, park over driveways/dropped kerbs or on the white lines- doing so can make it very dangerous for pedestrians and other road users. Please do not park in Selwyn Court (the big white building next to the nursery) as this is private property, Thank you.

September 2022

Please ensure that you have updated your hours for September 2022 with Becky as we have almost reached capacity for the next academic year.

Summer

The nursery will be closed from the 1st August to the 12th August 2022.

We will be open again from the 15th August.

If your child is eligible for the 30 hours funding please ensure that all 30 hour codes have been applied for and submitted to the nursery before 31st March 2022.

For more information on funding please visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Important dates in March for your diary:

Shrove Tuesday	1 st March
World Book Day	3 rd March
Red Nose Day	18 th March
Science Week	11 th -20 th March
Holi	18 th March
Down syndrome Awareness Day	21 st March
Neuro diversity Celebration	21 st -27 th March
Mother's Day	27 th March



Easter Holiday Club for

funded children: 29th March -14th April
Closed bank holiday 15th & 18th April

Term dates 2021-2022 can be found on our website <http://www.barbiesplayschool.co.uk/>

Class Face book pages

We hope you are all accessing your private class Facebook pages. The link can be found on Babysdays, please request to join and agree to the rules of the page. Any issues please contact us. If you are not accessing babydays then please let us know.

Payment of nursery fees.

Can we remind parents/carers all Nursery fees are to be paid on a weekly or monthly basis (on the 1st of the month) in advance. Failure to keep your account up to date could result in your child being excluded from the Nursery.

Pick up/drop off times

Please be mindful of your child's drop off and pick up times. We have to follow staff ratios and we account for the number of children to the number of staff for sessions. If your child is too early or late being collected for a session it can be disruptive to our routine. Thank you for your cooperation.