



Newsletter

June 2017

The summer term is well underway and the children have all been having lots of fun making good use of our lovely gardens. If you haven't already done so please make time to complete the parent questionnaires that have been handed out. We are always happy to listen to ideas and suggestions and all feedback is welcome.

Sun Hats

Now that the summer is finally here please remember that it is important that you send your child to nursery with a sun hat. If you do not want us to apply our sun cream please be sure to supply your own.



30 hours free nursery education.

You may have seen that the Government are introducing a doubling of the free childcare which means some childcare settings will be offering 30 hours funded childcare from September this year. We are very pleased to say that at Manor Farm Day Nursery we have decided that we will be offering the full 30 hours. As you know we currently have 15 hour free entitlement for all 3 and 4 year olds. From September, some 3 and 4 years olds will be entitled to an extra 15 hours. This can be used at any setting of your choice and can be used here at the nursery until the month before your child attends primary school, or you can split this funding between different settings, i.e. nursery and pre-schools. Not everyone is eligible, but everyone **will** still receive the 15 hours free childcare that is currently available.

The Eligibility rules for 30 hours free childcare are:

- Your child will be aged 3 or 4 when the scheme starts in your area
- Both parents must be working - or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000
- You live in England

Further information is available to parents on the government website 'Childcare choices'
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

The Garden wall

A few of you have asked about our damaged garden wall. Getting it fixed has proved more of a problem than first anticipated. The wall is Grade II listed and the trees causing the damage have a preservation order in place. However, please be assured that we are working hard to sort the situation and hope to get it resolved as soon as possible.

Drop off and collection times.

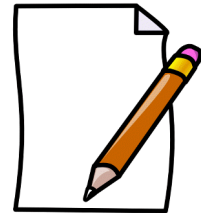
At Manor Farm we adhere to strict statutory requirements with regard to adult to child ratios. It is extremely important to ensure the safe care of all children that your child is not dropped off before the time they are booked in and he or she is collected on time.

Late collection will incur an additional fee of £5 for every 5 mins as detailed in your contract.

If you are finding the booked hours are difficult for you to manage please speak to a member of the management team and arrange to amend your child's hours.

Please can we remind parents to call and inform us if your child is going to be absent for nursery for any reason. This allows us to adjust our ratios and dinner numbers. Thank you.

Please ensure you sign your child both IN and OUT of nursery each day. We need to account for all children at nursery to ensure the safety of your child in the unlikely event we have to evacuate the building for any reason.



Paying your invoice.

As detailed in your contract all invoices are issued on or around the first of the month and they detail the fees due for that month. These invoices must be paid by the 15th of the month.

A £25 late payment fee will be added to all invoices not paid by the due date.

Mobile phones.

We wish to remind parents and carers that you must not use your mobile phones in the Nursery at any time.



Facebook.

Please remember to like our Facebook page where you will find more news and information about what is going on in the nursery.



Dates for your diary

Parents evening – please sign up for an appointment with your child’s keyworker, sheets with time slots are available in all base rooms. Appointments are available on Tuesday 4th July and Thursday 6th 2017 between 6pm and 7.30pm.

Leaver’s party – we would like to invite the children who are leaving nursery for school to an afternoon garden party on Monday 17th July from 1pm till 4 pm. If your child does not usually attend nursery on a Monday please speak to either Lilly or Lauren to arrange for them to come in for the party.

End of term – the funded term ends on Friday 21st July. All children who use funded only hours finish for the summer on this day and return to nursery on Monday 4th September 2017

Open day – on Saturday 22nd July we will be having an open afternoon at nursery from 1pm till 4pm. You are all invited to come along and join us for a couple of hours of fun. Please bring family and friends who can have a look around the nursery and our gardens. Remember if you recommend the nursery to a friend and they take a place you will receive a £50 discount off your nursery invoice.

Sue, Holly and the Manor Farm Team

Thank you again for your continuing support.