
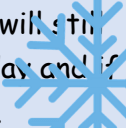


As you are all aware we have recently swapped systems and we are now using Parenta. This change was due to a number of factors mainly due to the previous system failing to meet promises raised when we first opened. However, we are now aware that the new system on your end isn't quite as fast and as informative as we would have liked. We have made the decision to trial this for the next term ending in April, if in this time you have any problems please send us an email with screen shots if possible and we will continue to forward them to the head office and hopefully things will improve. The advise given recently if you are unable to see what your child has been up to is:

- Click the filter button
- Change the date from - to
- This will bring up all that has been published over the period of time selected.

As always, any further problems try deleting the app and reinstall. We are also having some issues with the observation side of things and therefor we are observing children on paper (whilst trying to also upload them onto the app). I understand this is disappointing to those of you that received observations through your app previously however this is our bread and butter within early years. It is a requirement that we must be observing, assessing and planning for the children and therefor we have had to make the decision to make this as easy as possible for the staff to ensure children are developing and being challenged day to day whilst with us, ensuring we are meeting their individual needs. These files will be available for you to look at on a day to day basis and also when you have your working in partnership meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. Again, we are sharing our issues with the head office and hopefully this will improve. You will still receive meals, nappies and some moments through the app twice a day and if the system improves you will hopefully start receiving observations.



Any lost property found in the future will be discarded of at the end of every month. The rooms will display any items on the windowsill outside your child's room. This is due to the core amount of items we have collected over the past few months. As always we recommend that you take any personal and special items home so they do not get lost at nursery (including toys).

Don't forget, the soft play area is still available for hire for children's parties, and as your child attends the nursery you receive 15% off the total bill! Please send us an email or speak to a member of management to see availability.


**BASIC PACKAGE - £12 pc (Min 12 Max 45) INCLUDES- 2 hours play, NO FOOD**

Parents Drinks Package (Tea and Coffee) £15

OR

**ADVANCED PACKAGE - £15 pc (Min 20 Max 45) INCLUDES - 2 hours play, Cold Buffet & dessert**

Parent Drinks (Tea and Coffee) £20





# Winter Term Newsletter 2020



January 2020

Happy New Year to all of our Once Upon A Time families, we hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We are so excited for the year ahead with lots of fun events coming up as our OUATD family grows with more beautiful families and staff members. Talking about staff members, have you noticed some of the new faces around nursery? Please take the time to have a look at our staff board located to the right as you enter the nursery main door. We would just like to remind you all that all of our staff go through a 6 month induction process completing a number of courses including Safeguarding, safer sleeping for babies, paediatric first aid and food hygiene.

As this is a new year there a few things we would like to inform you about, as every year things change and we like to keep you up to date on Nursery News.

### Dates for your diary:

- Summer Fayre - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Mothers day Stay and Play (mothers and grandmas) - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Fathers day Stay and Play (Dads and grandads) -Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Easter
- Children's Fun Day - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April
- Halloween Stay and Play - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Christmas Stay and Play - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Summer Fun Day at Graves Park - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

If your child doesn't attend the Stay and Play dates you are still welcome to come in and join in with your little one! In the more recent stay and play there were some concerns about the parking for families attending the stay and play sessions. Please be aware that we have limited parking and the bays in front of nursery are the only ones available to our families. The other spaces are to be used by Blenheim Building companies only and they have made it clear that they will be issuing tickets if our customers use their spaces. The co-op carpark is available to use however there is a charge and time limit. Alternatively, please find parking on roads close by or we are on a public transport route.

We have booked the photographer on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 9:30am-11:30am (natural outdoor photos) and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November (indoor, natural, backdrop photos just in time for Christmas). If you have siblings or your child does not attend on these days and you would like to bring them in for a photograph we will have a time slot sheet on the desk in Reception for January's shoot days if you would like to let us know when you can come in.

We have now had to put a restriction on the number of prams/car seats left in the pram bay (by the coffee station). Please can you ensure that your pram has been collapsed and there is a maximum of 2 car seats and 4 prams. This is due to health and safety reasons as they are beginning to cross into the fire exit path.

## HELP US RECYCLE

We will recycle lots of the unwanted bits and bobs you find filling your bins over Christmas including:

- Cards
- Boxes
- Gift Bags
- Bottle tops
- Corks
- Egg boxes
- Takeaway tubs
- Mince pie cases
- Tinsel

