

NEWS LETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to 2019! It has been an exciting year so far for Once Upon A Time Daycare. Not only have we welcomed new staff but even more families into our ever-growing nursery. For those of you that have newly joined the nursery, this is our termly newsletter, where we will give you lots of information about nursery life and also ways you can get involved.



We have now opened our morning refreshment bar for parents. Why not grab yourself a hot drink and snack on the go.

This is located in reception on the way to the soft play and is FREE!

Look out for our Home Learning activities you can take and do at home in reception where you can get involved in learning at home, and work in partnership with us by completing an observation at home using the parentzone app.



WE NEED YOUR JUNK!!

Please can you help us by bringing in your recyclable items. The children love expressing their creative side using a range of different resources. Anything from newspapers to bottle tops are greatly appreciated!



Dates for your Diary

1/3/19 - St Davids Day
5/3/19 - Shrove Tuesday
6/3/19 - Ash Wednesday
7/3/19 - World Book Day
15/3/19 - Red Nose Day (Fancy Dress and make a donation, breakfast bar and cake sale)
17/3/19 - St Patricks Day and Ireland Day
31/3/19 - Mothers Day

21/4/19- Easter Sunday
22/4/19- Turkish Day
23/4/19 - St Georges Day

Spring Fair

We are holding a Spring fair on Saturday 1st June from 11:00am until 2:00pm.

There will be:

- Stalls for you to purchase items from local businesses
- Food and beverages
- The soft play will be open for children (£2 per child & under 5's only)

If you would like a stall please email

info@onceuponatimedaycare.co.uk

The minimum donation to hire stall is £20 (this will be donated to Sheffield Children Hospital), and you will keep your own profits.

All money raised by the nursery will be donated to our chosen charity The Sheffield Children's Hospital.

Drop off times

Can we please ensure that children are getting dropped off at the time their session starts and collected either before or at the time the session ends as there has been a number of cases where children are getting dropped off 10-15 minutes early or collected past their session time. As you can appreciate as a nursery it is essential that we adhere to ratios.

Our staff start at different times to ensure we are always adhering to these but 5 minutes early/late can make a difference.

For us to ensure that ratios and the safety of children and staff are adhered to, staff will now be asking you to wait with your child if you are early for your child's session.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Staff Training

We want to keep you up to date with training that our staff have attended.

We are in the process of completing the HEY award. This is an award which is based around children's healthy eating, lifestyle and physical development. We have been assessed and have actioned some points already and there is much more to work on. In every room (not Outer Space) we now have rolling dinner. This means there are two sittings for lunch so the learning day does not need to stop.

Samijo is completing a SENCO Award (Level 3) where she will work alongside our nursery SENCO- Megan Batty to ensure all individual needs are catered for, and we have up to date expert knowledge.

Beki and Laura completed a 'Loose parts' training where it enabled them to gain more understanding in how and why we use items which would be recycled. It gives the children chance to express their creativity and flourish in an enriched learning environment.

Leigh is participating in an ongoing course 'Hand Writing for boys' as we want to explore and extend the different ways in which we can help and encourage mark marking with boys.

PARENT PANEL



Our first parent panel meeting was held on Thursday 31st January, it was lovely to have such a wonderful group of parents getting together to discuss nursery life, share expertise and experiences. Here are the points raised for you to see. We would like more to join our parent panel, therefore if you are interested our next meeting is on Thursday 28th March 2019 6pm-7pm (hopefully it wont run over next time).

- Our chef is going to begin to host a baking class with the 2 years and above, this includes pastries, cakes and savoury treats to help children get more involved in their foods that they eat.
- Our additional extracurricular activities at present are Pyjama Drama (under 2's) and Mini Moves (over 2's). The parents suggested a number of other outside agencies that could possible join us and we are currently looking into them for the future.
- Our first nursery trip for each room will be coming up soon, children to staff ratio is halved and you will have to give prior written consent. Children over 2 will walk with a walking bus or will hold hands with a staff member. Under 2's may request you to bring in your buggy or pram from home.
- We would like to get more involved in the community, therefore if you know of any local events please let us know. On February 22nd was the anniversary of the plane crash 75 years ago in Endcliffe Park, where we will see it be honoured with a military fly by. We supported the event by getting the children outside to observe the display, which lead to children's interest in air crafts and the army. We are looking into getting involved in Gay ride, Sheffield Food Festival and would love to get involved in many more.
- It has been raised that for the safety of our parents/carers/children and visitors that walk/cycle/scoot to nursery there is no safe pathway. Therefore we have spoken to the landlord and business owner to make plans this year to paint lines for a walking safety path from the main road to the front door.
- Bugs and illnesses that are contagious and have more than 1 case within your child's room will now be sent out to inform you to look out for any possible symptoms via email and the parentzone app.
- It was suggested that we have a family fun day, possibly Chatsworth one Saturday in July where staff and families can come along for a picnic and games/activities. What a great idea! We will inform you of the date later on in the spring.

Parent Zone

"How to send the first message to your child's key person" - This is not something you can do unfortunately, however you can comment on events throughout the day, alternatively you can email or call nursery if there is something urgent or would like to organise a working in partnership with your child's keyperson please email the nursery and we can arrange that for you.

"How to create an observation to work in partnership with us"- Please see the home learning area in reception for the full guide.

For anyone that missed the email with the link to find out "How To" on parentzone here it is again.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2943007081903358978>

Meet Our New Team Members!

This is Abbie our qualified level 3



Hi my name is Abbie, I have 4 years' experience working with children. My previous experience is within a primary school working with children ranged between 3 years to 10 years, however early years is where my real passion lies.



This is Sally our qualified level 3

Hi my name is Sally, I have worked in childcare for years. I have 4 children of my own and have a real passion for early years, in particular 0-2 years. I have a very gentle nature, with great knowledge on early development and the EYFS.



This is Bethany our qualified EYT (teacher status)

Hi my name is Bethany, since completing my level 3 I immediately went into completing my degree as EYT where I gained experience in a number of early years and school settings to support my learning. I very quickly realised that Early Years is where my passion lies.



This is Victoria our Qualified level 3

Hi my name is Victoria, I have worked with children for 13 years. I was with my previous setting for the majority of this time, however for the last year I have taken a gap year where I have been traveling with my partner.

This is Annabelle our Qualified level 3

Hi my name is Annabelle, I have worked with children for 3 years and have a real passion for early years. I am level 3 qualified which I completed during my apprenticeship, which was great as I was able to learn whilst actually doing the job role. I cant wait to start with Once Upon A Time and I look forward to meeting you all.

With our new members of staff starting we would like to remind you of which staff are in what room.....

Space

Lauren

Sophie

Amy

Sally

Laura Under 2's Unit Co-ordinator

Under The Sea

Cliana

Megan W

Abbie

Annabelle

Jungle

Chelsea

Hannah

Aimee

Victoria

Lisa Over 2's Unit Co-ordinator

Little Kingdom

Megan

Leigh

Bethany