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WE CURRENTLY USE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AS ONE OF THE WAYS TO UPDATE YOU AND SHARE WHAT THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN DOING. OUR FB PAGE IS ALSO A GOOD WAY TO ADVERTISE OUR NURSERY. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE COULD YOU TAKE THE TIME TO WRITE A REVIEW.

WE ARE CURRENTLY CREATING OUR WEBSITE, WHICH SHOULD BE READY BY NOVEMBER.



We would like to welcome Kim our new Early Years practitioner and Lucy our Early Years Apprentice.

TOYS FROM HOME



Please could we ask that children do not bring their personal toys to nursery. This can cause upset to all the children and it is difficult for us to ensure that they do not get lost or broken. Please speak to your child's Key person if you feel your child requires a toy to help them settle.

? ? ? Question of the month results ? ? ?

May: 100% of parents said that they know who their child's Key Person is.

June 100% of parents that responded felt that their child's Key Person kept them informed about their child's development?"

September question is "Would you recommend Kirkgate Childcare to your family and friends?"

A few reminders!

- Please can you put a small freezer block in your child's lunch box to keep it nice and cool before lunch.
- Please provide some spare clothes in a draw string bag and leave on your child's peg.

Diary dates.....

We are now open 7.30am until 5pm for 46 weeks a year.

We are closed the following dates:

24th December 2018 until 4th January 2109

19th April & 22nd April 2019

(Bank Holidays)

6th May 2019

(Bank Holiday)

27th May until 31st May 2019

12th August until 30th August 2019

Training Days: 14th December, 3rd April and 22nd July

Funded places are for 38 weeks a year in line with North Yorkshire school holidays. Please refer to the school holiday dates displayed in the entrance. If you wish for your child to have an all year-round place or require extended time please speak to your child's Key Person as soon as possible as places are limited in the school holidays.



We are very excited about the opening of the Old girls School Community Centre and Tea Rooms. We will be working together and finding ways we can support each other. Please spread the word about the rooms which can be hired out and the beautiful tea room which is open Wednesday to Sunday every week. There are already great activities available, including Pilates, Baby yoga, Pregnancy relaxation classes and much more. We are able to book one of the smaller rooms to provide a more comfortable space to hold meetings with parents when required. There is free WiFi, disabled access and a beautiful garden at the front, where we often take the children to explore and share a story.

Dawn is meeting with Sarah the manager to discuss a pedestrian marked access to the nursery, speed limit sign, clearer marked parking bays and signage.

If you wish to know more about the facilities available or have any ideas about a new activity which could be provided in the Community Centre, please contact Sarah on 01977 685178 or email sarah.kay@sieect.uk.

Children's learning.....

You may have noticed or wondered why children don't always bring pieces of artwork home from nursery this is because at Kirkgate childcare we focus more on the process of creating rather than the product.

Young children love to create art, but more often than not focus on how they are creating and are not as interested in the finished product, in some cases may not even be able to identify which piece they created, this doesn't mean the activity was a failure it just means the child focused more on the process which is exactly what we do at Kirkgate Childcare.

We focus on how the child is creating, the feeling of the movements, what paint looks like on the paper, different textures and how colours combine.

The problem with product focused art is that they limit and dull children's creativity as they don't learn in the same way as they would with process art.

Parent Partnership is crucial to us and your child.

Thank you to all those parents who share their child's adventures and achievements via our parent email (kirkgatechildcarePP@outlook.com) and in their Learning journey. Please could you let us know if you and your family celebrate any religious festivals and we will share these at nursery.

Please take a look at our planning board which is displayed near the water area. The planning board has the following:

"In the moment planning" this incorporates the interests that children are displaying on a daily basis and practitioners record these to ensure consistency in what we provide and supports us in extending their learning.

Together time planning: At the end of the morning and afternoon session the children have together time. These are planned around children's strengths and areas for development.

Weekly planning This planning is a more focussed approach and can continue for several weeks through different areas of the nursery eg. "understanding how things grow" or celebrations such as Christmas.

Parent Partnership helps us plan effectively. Thank you.