

Newsletter February/March 2019



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Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) is something that we are very passionate about as we believe that every child is unique and require the right support and challenges to succeed. We would like to make you aware of a new child starting with us at Kirkgate Childcare who has severe allergies to a number of foods these can be triggered by both touch and taste and can require medication or an epi-pen in the event of an allergic reaction. **This child also has an allergy to dogs so as much as we love to see the children's furry friends, we would like to ask for your support in keeping this child safe and request that dogs are no longer brought in to visit nursery.**

We would kindly ask that children do not bring foods containing peanuts in their lunchboxes and that children's pet dogs do not visit nursery

We have a number of steps in place to reduce the risk of an allergic reaction and will be encouraging the children to wash their hands and face after snack and mealtimes. If you have any concerns about the above information please speak to **Sarah** who is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, however we will always respect confidentiality with all our families where necessary. As always we thank you for your support in this matter



We continue to plan outings to the allotment, the orchard, the library, Hilltop Care Home and the memory café. As numbers continue to grow we would still like to do this and would benefit from parental support. If you feel you are able to occasionally do this, please speak to your child's Key Person.

Heating food at nursery



Please can we remind everyone that we are unable to heat food sent in your children's lunchboxes as we do not have the facilities to be able to heat multiple lunches as per our mealtime policy.

If your child prefers something warm we do allow thermos flasks which will keep food warm until lunch time at 11.30

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our named First Aiders are..

Dawn Stevenson

Sarah Balata

Kate Johnson

Kim Foxall

Lucy Bingham



As the old girls' school is becoming busier with their weekly activities, we have noticed the car park is often full. We have begun to place a yellow cone in the parking bays next to nursery to allow our parents to park when dropping off and collecting children. Please feel free to move the cone when parking



Please can we remind everyone that mobile phones must not be used in the nursery.



DIARY DATES

Training Day 3rd April 2019 & 22nd July 2019

Parents consultations will take place throughout April and your child's key person will soon be arranging appointments with you

We will be closed on the following days:

Easter Bank holiday Friday and Monday.

May Bank Holiday 6th May 19

May half term 27th May 19 31st May 19

Have you seen our new website

We hope that by now you have managed to access our new website. We are very proud of how it celebrates how unique we are. If you would like to review the nursery this can be done by emailing kirkgatechildcare@outlook.com and we will upload it to the website.

All newsletter's and blogs will now be available to view on the website

For anyone that hasn't viewed the website the address is <https://kirkgatechildcare.co.uk>

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.

Question of the month "have you visited our lovely new website"

100% of you answered 'Yes' to . Do you you and your child feel welcome and listened to when arriving at nursery? Which was our question of the month in January

Parent Partnership helps us plan effectively. Thank you.

Can you help?

We would like to give the children more access to loose parts and creating transient art. We would really appreciate any unwanted

- Bottle lids
- Jar lids
- Curtain rings
- Large buttons
- Shells
- Ribbon
- Medium/large photo frames
- CD's
- Bracelets/bangles
- Beads
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Thank You.

Children's portion sizes

We have had a number of parents recently expressing concerns that their child isn't eating enough, children's portion sizes are roughly the size of their fist and two to five-year olds require 3 small meals plus two snacks.

Children's appetites can vary from day to day; they are less likely to overeat if given child sized portions on a child's plate.

We have placed some "how big is a portion" information sheets in the entrance please feel free to take one.

A good website to visit is:

<https://www.henry.org.uk/homepage>