



# Key dates

## 2-3s Nursery June 2017



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Dear Parents and Carers

With so much happening in the last few weeks (yes, only 5 weeks to go), I thought I would put it into one letter for you to stick on your fridge!

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 7pm - 8.30pm - 3-5s Welcome Evening for parents

Join us for a child free evening (and glass of wine). Take the opportunity to look around the learning environment from 7pm and then join myself and Joanna (3-5s Nursery Leader) to find out more about the 3-5s Nursery. This is an opportunity to meet new and existing families joining us in September, get to know the staff, meet your key person and look around.

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June - 1pm - 2pm - Open Afternoon

Following your feedback at Caroline's Coffee Morning, we are inviting you to spend an hour with your child in the 3-5s Nursery environment during our Open Afternoon. Hope you can join us!

Transition is going well - the children are spending time in the 3-5s Nursery with staff and building up their confidence. As one child said to a member of the 3-5s team "I'm going now. Thanks for coming!" as she left them. Beautiful manners if a little confused! Open Gate week will commence from the 10<sup>th</sup> July. Remember to talk to your child when they come home with their 'I went to big nursery today' sticker. Lunch clubs are also a good transition for children doing longer days - why not try some this term?

For those parents wanting extended hours, remember there are lots more options when your child is in 3-5s, such as breakfast club, lunch clubs and 'extended day' (which means if you do 15 hours, you can do a whole day) - fees apply for all our extended sessions. Please note, your child needs to be settled into their universal 15 hour session before any additional sessions apply.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June - INSET Day** - no normal sessions on these days.

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July onwards - Home Visit

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 3-5s team will be out and about visiting families. You should have received your letter from the office with your home visit date and time, as well as your start date and time for September (please note, the start time is only for your first day)

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 12.30pm - 2pm - Family Picnic

The last day of term is very exciting - it is our Family Picnic - there is no normal nursery session in the morning. Instead you and your child are invited to join us from 12.30pm - 2pm. Please bring along a picnic to enjoy, along with a blanket to sit on. We will enjoy the picnic from 12.30pm - 1pm, then there is time for you to explore the exciting range of activities together. Please remember our environment is nut and egg free when packing your picnic and we cannot accommodate older siblings of school age.

**PLEASE ENJOY YOUR LAST FEW WEEKS OF TERM IN THE 2-3S NURSERY!**

## 3-5s Staffing - Who's who!

Although you will meet staff on Thursday and at home visits, it is always nice to put names to faces as you see them around the building.



**Joanna** - as I said at the Transition Coffee Morning, Joanna is the 'Tracey of the 3-5s'! Joanna is a qualified teacher and leads the 3-5s Nursery. She works alongside myself, Tracey and other senior leaders on the Leadership Team. Joanna is a key worker.



**Steph** - joins us as a new member to our team from September. She is also a qualified teacher and has experience of working in early years and primary schools in the UK and Dubai. She will be at some of our events this term but sadly cannot be all of them as she is currently teaching in another school. Steph is a key worker



**Charlotte, Eleanor and Natasa** are our three Nursery Nurses who are also key workers. Together, they have many many years experience of working with young children.



For those of you who have Natasa as an allocated key worker, unfortunately, she has been off work this term recovering from an operation and to receive further treatment. She is due to return mid way through the autumn term. Therefore, to support this transition;

**Kerrie**, who many of you will recognise from the 2-3s Nursery will be key worker to Natasa's children during this time and work with Natasa's families until her return.



Finally, we have many other members of the 3-5s team, **Farzana, Zoila, Sunanta and Ferdousi** all work with the main classroom team as Nursery Assistants.



**Anne and Pam** are also key names for you to know - they both work in our SEN unit and are key worker to the SEN children - alongside them work Jane, Gill, Jacquie and Michelle.

Don't worry - you will be amazed how quickly you get to know everyone!

During our INSET day on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, the staff in 2-3s will spend time talking to the 3-5s team about your individual child so we can support that transition even more.

Please 'like' our Facebook page - I will do my best to put all the dates and events on there too!

Best Wishes  
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