

Mereside Farm Update

June 2015



You have collected an amazing:



Vouchers for us and we will be putting these to good use by ordering new equipment for the nursery children to enjoy.

Thank you!



As it is getting warmer please ensure your child has sun cream at nursery which has their name on and a sun hat. If possible please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to nursery and we will then re-apply during the day. We will exercise caution during the hottest times of the day by taking the children out for short periods of time and also accessing shaded areas. Please also bring in a water bottle for your child to use at nursery, this helps us to ensure that the children are drinking enough during the day.

Photographer

We are pleased to be welcoming back Brown and Co photographers to Mereside on Wednesday 24th June. We will be having group shots taken in the morning and following these the photographer will take black and white documentary style photographs of the children at play. If it is not your child's usual day they are still welcome to attend to be part of the group shot and the photographer can also briefly try to take some documentary style photographs afterwards. However you may find that your child does not wish to play when you are present. Children who usually attend on this day will then be photographed throughout their normal day. Brown and Co are then due to return in November to take colour portrait style photographs.

If you would like to see what the documentary photographs look like please use the following link.

http://www.brownandcophotographers.co.uk/nursery_documentary_portraits.html

Babies group photo—9.15

Tweenies group photo—9.30

Pre-school group photo—9.45



If you haven't yet please log on and take a look at our new website. This has been redesigned and has information and photographs for you to access. We will be adding to this over time so please check in regularly. There is also a testimonial section where you can leave us your positive comments and reviews. We often get these from parents verbally which is wonderful but placing them on here ensures that any prospective parents considering Mereside Farm get to read them too.

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Holiday dates and changes to bookings

At times you may need to make changes to the bookings you have for your child, such as swapping or adding a day. We will always accommodate these changes if possible but politely request as much notice as possible.

If you will be on holiday and give us the dates a minimum of 2 weeks in advance, meals will not be charged for your holiday period.

There will be holiday notification forms available to complete in your child's room.



Mereside Facebook Page

To avoid being the odd one out and left behind, in addition to sharing information with you via one of the quickest mediums available, we will shortly be creating a Facebook page.

Please help us by sharing our page and giving feedback to us so we can continue to make improvements throughout the Nursery.

Nappies and wipes - Please ensure that you bring sufficient nappies and wipes in for your child's day at nursery. These can be brought in on a daily basis or bulk amounts can be left at nursery also. We understand that on occasion these are forgotten but unfortunately if we have asked and you have not provided these we will have to ask you to purchase some and return straight away to enable us to change your child during the day. If your child is toilet training please bring in toilet wipes to help us to clean your child if needed.

Signing in your child - it is a legal requirement for us to sign children in and out of our care so we thank you for your co-operation with this process.

Spare clothes - These are often needed if children are toilet training and also for general accidents during the day with water and food. We have a limited supply of spare clothes so we do struggle to find clothes that fit all children, please ensure your child has enough clothes in their bag just in case.

Parent zone



We hope that you are all enjoying accessing your child's observations, information about nappies, meals and sleeps via our parent portal. The process of using the tablets and publishing this information is still fairly new to us here at Mereside so you will continue to see improvements in quality and content especially as we are still working through some earlier observations which may appear on your timeline over coming weeks.

We have also had some photographs and observations come in from home which have been lovely to see and we feel that this will be a key way for us to keep the link from home to nursery and visa versa.

If you have any questions regarding parent zone please do not hesitate to ask.

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SUMMER NURSERY CAMP—Ages 3-5 yrs inclusive

We will be holding a Summer Nursery Camp from week commencing 20th July ending on Friday 21st August .

This camp will initially be open to siblings, relatives and friends of children currently attending the Nursery between the ages of 3—5 years (i.e. Pre School and just finished 1st year of school).

Activities will include those normally undertaken in the Pre School room, but will be aimed at having a fun time while learning, being creative and using lots of energy.

Costs for this camp will be as follows;

Normal Day 10am — 3pm £26 per day (minimum of 2 days per week), £115 per full week

Early Day * 8am — 10am £7.50 per day or £34 for the full week

Late Finisher * 3pm — 5pm £7.50 per day or £34 for the full week

Children will be expected to bring packed lunches and a water bottle (refillable at the water dispenser), although mid morning and mid afternoon snacks will be provided for the children.

Spaces will be limited and to reserve a space, you will be required to complete a registration form and pay a holding fee of £50 (that will be deducted from the fee's).

* Only available with Normal Day

Summer BBQ -Saturday 1st August

As the end of the academic year and the summer holidays are fast approaching, we will be holding a Summer BBQ / party for all Children who attend Nursery and their Parents & siblings on Saturday 1st August between 11am — 2pm.

We will have refreshments for all and fun and games for the children including bouncy castle and face painting, with certificates also being handed out to our leavers and those children graduating for school.

We would be grateful if you could inform us of your availability regarding attendance so we may cater accordingly.



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Pre School Leaving Dates

As the summer time arrives, so does the inevitability that some of our pre school children will be leaving to attend school, and some to secure their place at their new school's nursery prior to their reception year.

To assist us in planning, can we kindly ask that you inform us of your plans with regards to your child, however hard and fast they may be, so we can understand who will / may be leaving us and when

Staff Additions

We are pleased to welcome on board on a full time basis the following;

Stephanie Davey

Steph joins the Pre School as an experienced and level 3 NVQ qualified Nursery Nurse.

She has fitted in seamlessly with the other staff and children and has brought some great ideas already to the table.



Emily Owen

Emily joins us as a level 2 qualified a Nursery Nurse and who is currently working towards her level 3.

She has 18 months of Nursery experience working with Nursery children although primarily from 2-4, and has fitted into the Tweenies room very quickly indeed.

We are still trying to recruit another person for the Babies room to work opposite Alex on 8-2 & 12-6 shifts, so if anyone is aware of anyone looking for these hours, please ask them to get in touch with us.