



Newsletter 6th September 2024

Dear Parent and carers,

Welcome to the start of the Autumn Term at The Children's Workshop. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the next exciting stage in your little one's lives. Our new children have been so resilient at separating from their parents/carers and settling into the preschool routines. They are already showing independence by choosing their activities and confidence when making new friends. We are very proud of our returning children, who have come back taller, with new haircuts and eager to learn. Seeing the older children nurture and support the newer children has been lovely.

Our Staff this year:

Sarah Maynard – Manager

Shardelle Frost – Deputy Manager

Malgo Kuziora – Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO)

Claire Farman – Business Manager

Christine Abrahams – Early Years Practitioner

Linda Avdulaj – Early Years Practitioner

Alison Blunden – Early Years Practitioner

Anna Cebrian Ferrer – Early Years Practitioner

Claire Ford – Early Years Practitioner

Mahshid Ramezani – Early Years Practitioner

Debbie Smith – Early Years Practitioner

Heather Robertson – Early Years Practitioner

Our Aim:

We aim to ignite the flames of your children's natural curiosity by providing high quality, varied learning opportunities to guide their development in a safe and nurturing environment.

Our Drivers:

NURTURE - children will feel happy and secure in a warm and caring environment

ENGAGE – children will be excited to play and motivated to learn

INSPIRE – children will be prepared for school - they will be confident, kind and resilient little people, with a love for life-long learning.

Curriculum

Every day we plan engaging and exciting activities led by your children's interests, next steps and special events. Each week there is a new theme to inspire learning and curiosity and ensure the children are enjoying their time at The Children's Workshop. Sometimes we ask for parents to come and help us with our topics, so look out for this in upcoming Friday Newsletters. In addition to the Tapestry updates, we also post photos and a description of activities on offer on our social media accounts. Please follow us to see what we get up to each day. Parents have found it useful to show their children and start off a conversation about their child's day.

<https://www.facebook.com/ChildrensWorkshopEM>

<https://www.instagram.com/emchildrensworkshop/?hl=en>

Tapestry

New parents will shortly be receiving an email to complete their registration for their Tapestry account. We would love for you to add any WOW moments or special events in your child's life on the Tapestry Learning Journey. They don't need to be amazing feats, just special to your child. Each week you will either receive a photo and a short sentence or a longer focus observation, we aim to alternate these through the year. As I am sure you can imagine, writing up the observations take staff a long time and requires time away from the children. Therefore, we have decided to reduce the amount of longer observation write ups and focus on spending time with the children teaching, scaffolding and moving them on in the learning.

Invoices

Invoices have been emailed via Parentadmin.com. Our invoices look slightly different this year for children receiving the 3 and 4 year old funding, as we have separated the funded hours from the consumable rate. Another reminder, that 2 year old funding is for 15 free hours with no consumables and the 3 and 4 year old funding **has a consumable charge per session**. Our Fees are attached again for reference. If you have not received the right funded hours applied to your invoice, this may be because you haven't returned your **Funding Declaration Form** which was due back by Friday 30th August. I have attached again for those parents who receive funding, this is **all 3 and 4 year olds**, (unless you are using your funding at another childcare setting) and those 2 year olds who have the **Working Parents Entitlement**.

Invoices are to be paid by **Friday 13th September**.

Session Times

9.00am-12.15pm
9.00am – 1.30pm
9.00am – 2.30pm

Children staying for the later sessions 1.30pm and 2.30pm will need to bring in a healthy packed lunch in an appropriate lunch box/bag (no plastic bags), we ask that you do not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate. We do encourage the children to eat everything you provide, but please be realistic with the amount your child can eat. We do ask that nobody brings in any **nuts/peanut butter** due to nut allergies. Please ensure grapes/olives/cherry tomatoes are cut up to avoid a choking hazard.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure the child's **name** is clearly visible on the outside of the lunchbox/bag.

Birthdays!

We love celebrating your children's Birthdays at preschool with a special recognition at carpet time and all the children singing Happy Birthday. **Do not bring in any gifts, cake or treats** to hand out to the children.

Contact Details

Please can you inform us if you have changed any of your telephone numbers or contact details so that we can amend our records, or you can do this yourself by logging into your Parentadmin.com account.

Absences

If you know of any absences in advance, please either email or record on your Parentadmin.com account. If your child is unwell on the morning, please call by 10:00am that day.

Parent Representatives

Each year we have had 2 parent reps, who have organised socials for parents and acted as an extra communication link between the nursery and parents. If you are interested in stepping up for the role, please let me know. (I apologise if someone has already volunteered)

Dates to Remember

Thurs 5th Sep Nursery starts
Fri 25th Oct Break up for half term
Mon 4th Nov Return to nursery

Reminders

- 1) Telephone number to contact pre-school 0208 979 0692
- 2) Email address Office@Childrensworkshop.com
- 3) Bank details for payments:
Account name: The Children's Workshop Pre-School
Account number: 20441430 sort code: 40-01-29
- 4) To update your contact details where necessary.
- 5) Inform a member of staff if someone else will be collecting your child (password system in place).
- 6) Children are to wear old clothes to pre-school as they will be taking part in messy activities, aprons will be provided where necessary and The Children's Workshop uniform is available to purchase or you can pick up some second hand uniform for a donation.
- 7) The children will have access to outdoors whatever the weather so please ensure they come into Nursery with appropriate clothing to allow them to enjoy this opportunity. Including wet weather clothing.
- 8) Please name all coats, hats, jumpers, water bottles, lunch boxes etc

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and helping to settle your children into the routines of The Children's Workshop.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Maynard

And

The Children's Workshop Team