

Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd

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Newsletter September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had an enjoyable summer break.

It was lovely to see so many attend our summer holiday club, lots of fun was had!

- please visit our Facebook page, to see what we got up to, and what we get up to during the year.

Holiday Photo

This terms "theme" is All About Me, so can you please send in a holiday photo for your child to share, and that we can put up on display.

New Intake

We have lots of new children starting this Autumn Term, so we hope that they enjoy being part of the nursery as much as you and your children.

New Equipment / Areas

Rick has been busy during the summer term & summer break, to re vamp some areas. We have also bought in Rich Sturgess in to do some work too.

Staffing

Rick has reduced his hours further so

should only be in nursery on a finance day on a Wednesday. Jane & Jess Quiney have become forest school leaders, so will be delivering forest school sessions both on site and off site, along with Vera. Jess Quiney is still on maternity leave. Sadly we saw Kelly leave to move onto Great Alne School as a TA, so we wish her all the very best. We have Chloe Sait joining us and will be supporting specific children as a nursery practitioner.

Fundraising Events

These will be sent out once Amanda and her team have organised dates & events. Please don't forget the easiest way to help our fundraising team is to log onto

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ansltd

if you buy online from companies like ToysRus, ELC, amazon, Dixons, Boden, eBay, Dell, Argos, baker Ross, John Lewis,

Boots plus loads more, log on first, select your store & purchase your items & the nursery will receive some commission - easy.

Extra activities

This year's extra activities, we are able to offer the following:

Monday -Music with Tracey or Rosa

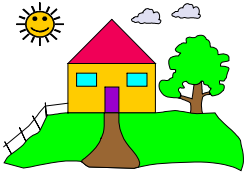
- 1pm French with the older children - both FREE

Tuesday - yoga for the 3yr olds with Claire, FREE

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Wednesday - footie bugs with a Coach in the afternoon, this is also available only to the older children at a small charge of £2.00

Thursday - dough disco with Jess & Tracey

Friday afternoon, all the older children go to forest school. If you wish to book your child to attend the off-site woodlands at Spernal then please let me know a.s.a.p. as numbers are limited, there is a small charge for this of £3.00, and children must be toilet trained to attend due to lack of services off site. Otherwise they attend the small on site forest school. This forest school is also just for the 3 & 4yr olds.

Grant Forms

Please keep an eye on the wipe board, as we will be asking you to see Penny in the back room to read & sign the paperwork. If your child was three on or before 31st August, then they will be eligible to access 15hrs FREE government funding.

Your child may also be eligible for some extra funding, called the Early Years Pupil Premium, if you are accessing the full 15hrs entitlement.

A child will be eligible if:

Their parents are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits or credits

- Income support
- Income based jobseekers allowance

- Income related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, but NOT working tax credit, with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working tax credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

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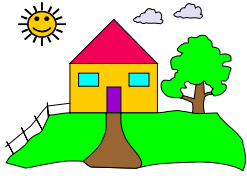
The child has

- Been looked after by the local authority for at least one day
- Been adopted from care
- Left care through special guardianship
- Been or is subject to a child arrangement order (formerly known as residence order)
- **Free 30hrs - how to apply**
- Parents have to apply the term before they wish to access these hours. You apply direct online to HMRC's digital childcare service at <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

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- If eligible you will be given an 11 digit code, which you will need to hand into nursery, to fill out another form.
- The nursery has limited spaces, as we wish to be able to offer sessions still to ALL children, as per admissions policy.

We are now only able to accept codes for children to use from January 2019, as you would have missed the cut off date.

We also offer funding for 2yr olds, there is a strict criteria in order to access this, please log onto the address below to find out if you are eligible. This site will also inform you of any other help with child care costs that you might be able to access.

2yr funding changes -

If you meet the eligibility criteria, your child will be entitled to a place from the start of term following their second birthday, beginning on or following the dates set out below:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecosts

Eligibility:

- A child is eligible for the funding from the term **after** their second birthday.
- The eligibility criteria remains the same and families **MUST** be in receipt of the following benefits or credits to qualify:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit, if annual household income is **less than £16,190**
- Universal Credit

OR

- The child is being looked after by the local authority
- The child has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order
- The child has a current statement of Special Educational Needs, or an Education, Health and Care Plan
- The child qualifies for Disability Living Allowance

(NB Contribution-Based Job Seekers Allowance or Employment & Support Allowance do not qualify)

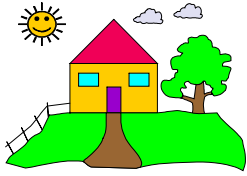
Safeguarding / contact details

Please let me know if anyone different is to pick up your child, as we will not let your child leave the premises if there is not a known / named person that we have been

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informed about. Please ensure that I have your password also. If your contact details have changed in any way i.e. home address, telephone numbers, email address etc. then please let me know as soon as possible.

Toilet / potty training

Can you please put your child in joggers or something easy to take down, that way they are more likely to achieve their goal in becoming toilet trained.

Welcome packs for new children

Please read the contents and return the required forms the following week, once received, along with the security photo sheet which is most important to return.

Book Bags

All children will receive a library book bag from your key worker, if your child has not received one, then please inform your child's keyworker. These are to borrow only, as we do ask for them to be returned when your child leaves nursery, so that we may pass onto another child.

Reminders:

Please continue to put sun cream on your child as they enter nursery, as the sun may still be with us!!!

If your child comes in wellies we ask that they have a change of foot wear

If your child comes in sandals then please wear socks, or preferably wear enclosed

shoes for safety reasons.

All children to have a named pair of wellies & a named waterproof on their peg or in their red nursery pump bag if you were issued with one, please **DO NOT** use plastic bags

If your child wears nappies to ensure that we have enough nappies, wipes & cream - we do have spare ones which we can use (at a cost)

Should your child have an accident, we have spare clothing at nursery, can I please ask that you wash the nursery ones & return on your child's next session

To please inform as you enter the nursery of any scratches, bumps or similar that your child has, and then fill in the relevant form

On Teacher Training days full fees are still due if your child would usually attend nursery, and pay, as per agreement in our prospectus.

Lunch Boxes

Please ensure that your child has a healthy lunch box, please also name all items - lunch box (on the outside, not inside, Tupperware containers, drinks bottles etc. Also **ALL** grapes have to be cut horizontally in order to avoid choking, uncut grapes will be sent home.

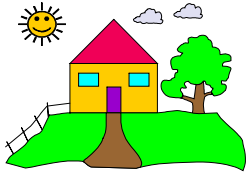
Jofli Bear

We hope that Jofli bear has had an

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enjoyable holiday; he will be starting his visits home with your child, so that you have fun with him & write / take photos of him & return so that we can look at and talk about his adventures.

Invoices

You will receive your child's invoice at the beginning of each half term electronically. So please look out for it in your "in box", prompt payment is required. You can either pay direct into our bank - bank details are at the bottom of the invoice, or by cheque, or cash, or childcare vouchers. Failure to make a payment within 14 days means that you will incur a £25.00 late payment charge per week and the risk of your child losing their place.

Please note that fees have been increased to bring in line with the government grant as discussed with our WCC audit, plus the minimum wage is to go up along with our pension contributions, all of which the nursery has to find a way of paying. We do try and keep our fees as low as possible so that all children have the opportunity to attend.

LOG on details - re portal for payments

If you would like to confirm your booked sessions, invoice details and payments, these may be accessed through a secure parent's portal. In order to access this please ask Rick or myself. This really is essential in case you have to show any

invoices or payments to HMRC.

Return to nursery

The children return to nursery on Tuesday 4th September.

We look forward to another busy school year, with lots of fun for the children & parents.

Dates for your diary

Please put dates on your calendar. The first event coming up is our:

Coffee morning - Friday 28th September, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, then we have a **messy stay & play** session on Thursday 18th October, everyone's welcome.

Have a look at "dates for your diary" which is attached for this academic year, please make a note of these dates; every effort is made to stick to these dates.

Afterschool Activities

Monday is sports & games / craft activities with Tracey

Tuesday is crafty day with Vera for 5yrs and upwards, making gifts & specialist cards, getting ready for Christmas.

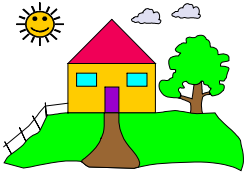
Wednesday is arts & crafts with Claire Burgoine, or there's cooking with Claire Sturgess

Thursday is cooking & gardening club, depending on the season with Rosa, we aim

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to grow foods & then use them. Sports with Chloe too.

Friday is movie night & ICT with popcorn. The afterschool clubs close at 5.30pm

Late Collection

Late collection of your child means a fine, if late more than three times then this could mean your child is no longer accepted in the nursery or clubs.

We are very much looking forward to another busy, fun packed year.

With Regards

Debi Debi French Head of Nursery

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