

## Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd

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Studio 765780

### Newsletter September 2017

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 made - 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.

#### Warwickshire Inclusion Kite-marking Scheme ( WInCKS)

We were delighted to hear back from our application form that we have been awarded WInCKS status. We will attend a presentation afternoon later this month; this is in recognition of the help and support we give to ALL children that

attend our nursery, especially children with SEND, INCLUSION for all. Penny & myself had attended a workshop earlier in the year to discuss with other settings what inclusion is like in our setting i.e. commitment, communication, clarity & consistency.

#### Staffing

Rick is reducing his hours during this academic year, so he will no longer be a keyworker, Christina has been working closely with Rick last year, and she will take on the role of a keyworker. Rick will still help run forest schools both in house, off site and delivering to Our Ladys School, whilst Jane & Jess Quiney start their forest school leadership training.

#### 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](http://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.

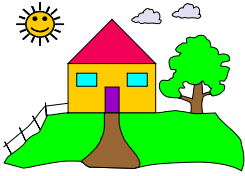
#### Extra activities

This year we are able to offer the

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following:

*Monday - Music with Tracey or Rosa*

*- 1pm French - both FREE*

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

*Wednesday - footie bugs with Coach Connor 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, children must be toilet trained to attend due to lack of services off site.. Otherwise they attend the small on site forest school. The 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015, 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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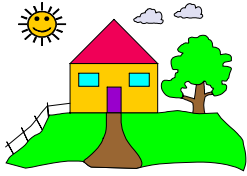
The child has

- 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

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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>

- 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 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](http://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

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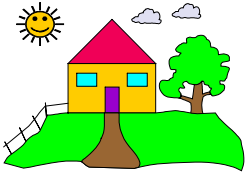
- The child is being looked after by the local authority
- The child has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order
- The child has a current statement of Special Educational Needs, or an Education, Health and Care Plan
- The child qualifies for Disability Living Allowance

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

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### **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 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.

### **Welcome packs for new children**

Please read the contents and return the required forms the following week, once received.

### **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

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.

### **Jofli Bear**

We hope that Jofli bear has had an 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.

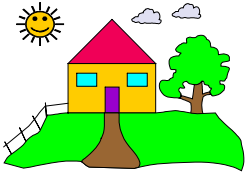
### **Invoices**

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

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make a payment within 14days means that you will incur a £25.00 late payment charge 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.

**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.

**Return to nursery**

The children return to nursery on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September, then we have **messy stay & play** session on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 with Jess Bolstridge, and Claire will be doing some craft activities

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

Wednesday is arts & crafts with Jane, or there's Forest School with Kelly

Thursday is cooking & gardening club, depending on the season with Rosa, we aim to grow foods & then use them.

Friday is movie night & ICT with popcorn. All the Club's close at 5.30pm

Please book in for our NEW & exciting clubs

With Regards

*Debi*

**Debi French**

**Head of Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd**

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