

5th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Nursery after a long summer holiday. It is lovely to see all the children, those already familiar to us and those just starting and becoming new friends. We are so proud of how well they are settling into their time here with us at Nursery. To help this continue our first topic is 'ourselves, our family and friends', we hope this will provide the opportunity for the children to share with us their interests and information about their home and their family, photographs would really help support with this if you would like to send some in please?

Please be advised that your child's key worker this year is:

This means they will be responsible for ensuring observations are undertaken of your child's learning and progress and usually the best first point of contact for you on providing an update on your child's day. Please be assured however, that your child's well being and enjoyment at Nursery is the priority of all staff and any one of us will be happy to help you and your child.

For your information:

Session times are:

8.45am – 11.45am

11.45am – 12.30pm (lunch)

12.30pm – 3.30pm

We made the decision to move our finish time to 3.30pm to allow for parents with siblings in school to collect their children and if required have time for a hand over with the class teacher without worrying about being late for Nursery pickup. This has also resulted in the playground being a little quieter, less intimidating and safer so that small children do not become separated from parents and lost. Please wait by the wooden gate as normal we will all come down the wooden ramp together around 3.25pm ready to be handed over by 3.30pm. If raining, we invite you to shelter under our canopy at the side, so hand over is in the dry.

As you are aware children learn through play and exploration and sometimes that can result in even the bigger children getting messy so please remember to pack a spare change of clothes.

We actively encourage the children to be independent and do their own snack, including pouring their own drink, however recognising the importance of keeping hydrated we will also be providing each child with their own labelled water bottle to keep on site so that they have access to water throughout their time with us if they want it.

In addition to the school newsletter, which should be received weekly, we are developing a few areas which we hope will keep you informed on activities that may be planned or events that you may need to know about.

- Blue board beside the office – Termly and weekly planning
- Files by self registration – one file will be allocated per child and identified by their picture this will hold your child's artwork and any letters that may have been missed. We will encourage the children to check and empty these each day and we would ask that you do the same in the morning.
- You can also find a copy of the newsletter information about our policies and relevant points of contact on the notice board outside.

We hope that you find this helpful, if there is anything else we can do or if you require any further clarification or information please speak to a member of staff.

The first date for your diary is Friday 14th September; here at Piccolo 1 we are delighted to be part of a tooth brushing club which is supported by brighter smiles. As part of our morning routine we will be brushing our teeth. This is not replacing tooth brushing at home in the morning but to raise awareness of good hygiene and develop strong independence in self care skills. Participation is not compulsory and you may choose to opt out if you wish, just speak to a member of staff. Brighter smiles will be joining us at 8.45am to talk with the children and any parents that may be interested.

Yours sincerely

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Nursery Manager