



January 2020-The longest month Ever!!

It's been a busy old start to this new term at Sunshiners! It has been lovely having the children back and hearing about their adventures over the Christmas half term.

First up we have a new staff member:

Kevin Lloyd has joined the Sunshiners family, and we hope you will give him a big cheery wave when you see him!

We also have 2 students from Bridgwater college working with us, Caitlin and Kirsty. Both have formed lovely relationships with the children.

We are starting this year (Attempting) to be super organised, so when you get to the dates in the diaries section, there will be July event dates, but this is just to give you lots of time to be organised!!

Please remember the door here at Sunshiners is always open, so if ever you need to talk to us please don't hesitate!!



We would also like to welcome all our new starters to Sunshiners and hope you enjoy your time with us.

A few tips/bits of information for the parents/carers of the new starters:

-Please label all belongings, a Sharpie pen may just become your best friend!

-Please always sign them in! The signing in register is in the waiting area.

-Coats are to be put on the 3 white coat racks inside the setting, look for the picture of the child's keyworker and place them on that rack.

-Lunch boxes are to be placed on the kitchen hatch

-Children will get their sunshine photo off the table next to the kitchen and place it on the board.

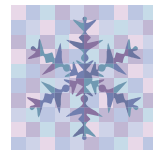
-We ask if each child could bring a piece of fruit or a vegetable each morning to help towards snack.

-We encourage you to bring in water for the children as a drink, not juice. However, if they are here for lunch, they can have a separate bottle of juice in their lunch boxes.



Just a reminder about invoices.

Payment is due on the **14th of each month** unless you have agreed otherwise with Laura or Jen. We understand that some of you may not get paid until later in the month, that is fine you just need to let us know.



So, this cold and breezy weather looks like it may stay around for a little while.

This time last year it was snowing!! Can we please ask that you send the children in with named hats and gloves and warm coats. In the event of extreme weather and if the decision is made to close the pre-school, we will notify parents via our Facebook page and the Heart FM website.



If you are bringing cash into the pre-school for fees, uniform etc. could you please ensure it is handed directly to a member of staff in a sealed, named envelope. This is to prevent cash being misplaced and to ensure a record of all cash entering the pre-school is maintained.



Are you following our famous Facebook page yet? If not get with the times guys!!

It's our way of keeping you informed with the goings on, and pictures of our ever-changing tuff tray. So please give us a like!!



Staff Training Update -

- Jen has recently started her level 3 SEND course.
- Staff all enjoyed their training session on the inset day of speech language and communication needs and a refresher on safeguarding.
- All staff working closely with the children have received up to date training on paediatric first aid.
- Sue is currently undertaking a working together course.

- Annette and Mel are soon on an inclusive communication course
- Jen and Naomi are soon to start Autism training Tier 2

Fundraising update

The last 4 events (Halloween Disco, Christmas Party, Nativity and Raffle) made a total of £1083.

Next fundraising event coming up is Easter Bingo on Friday 27th March 2020.
We hope to see you there!



May we please remind you that the children's drinks bottles should contain WATER ONLY. A drink of juice in their lunch boxes is acceptable to have at lunch time. This is in accordance with our last OFSTED inspection and primary school rules.



We are delighted to see so many parents logging onto Tapestry and viewing their children's Learning Journeys! If you haven't yet managed to log in or received your activation email please speak to a member of staff. Did you know you can add your own observations and notes from home? You can find parent tutorials on how to use the system here: <http://eyfs.info/forums/topic/46927-contents-page/>



Some children's jumpers have been lost and we are finding some aren't named. Could you please ensure all uniform has your children's names in and please check the uniform you have at home to make sure you haven't accidentally picked up someone else's jumper. Many thanks.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Commencing 17th February

HALF TERM

Week commencing 19th February

Monday 24th February - Pre-School returns

Week Commencing 23rd March

Friday 27th March- Easter Bingo

5-7pm

Week Commencing 6th April

Half Term

Week Commencing 20th April

Monday 20th April - Inset Day

Tuesday 21st April - Children return to Pre-School

Dates for further on in the year:

Friday 10th July-Summer Trip-Location to be confirmed

Summer Fete 11th July 11-1pm

Leavers Disco 17th July 1pm-3pm

The Preschool will shut at 12.15pm on Friday the 17th of July