



November 2020

Welcome back from the half term break everyone! We hope you are ready for a fun packed half term!

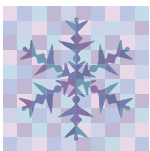
A whole half term is gone already!!

Christmas is fast approaching, so we will try and keep you all full of festive cheer! 50 sleeps to go!!

Please read this newsletter carefully for information, take note of any important dates and keep an eye out for notices in our reception area. Don't forget to regularly check our Facebook page and read your e-mails.

CHANGES FROM THURSDAY THE 5TH NOVEMBER:

Sunshiners will be operating in 2 bubbles. 1 bubble will be Squares and then the other bubble will be circles/triangles. An email was sent out Tuesday afternoon explaining the different procedures which will be put into place. Please get in touch with us, if there is anything you wish to discuss.



First up we know we are always going on about it (sorry!) but, can we please remind parents/carers to name your children's clothes. We have lots of missing items of clothing so please double check all your labels. Our children go out even if it is raining, so as the weather gets colder, they will also need a hat, scarf, and gloves.

Staff News

Sue has now sadly left Sunshiners and we wish her all the best in her new adventures! You may still see her from time to time as she will return to cover staff absences. Also a big thank you to Sue for all the 10K races she did to help raise money for Sunshiners!

Claire P after many years is also leaving our Sunshiners family at the end of the month, I am sure you will join all of us in wishing her the very best!

We are thrilled to be able to share with you, that our very own Beth is expecting a new arrival in March next year!

Covid 19

If your child is showing ANY symptoms please do not send them into Sunshiners. Any child who has a temperature or is showing signs of a dry cough will be sent home and asked to isolate for 10 days or until a negative test result is presented. As you will know we have changed our pick up and drop off routines to stop over crowding in the pre-school, our main concern has always been and will continue to be the safety of our children, therefore we are now politely requesting that any parent/visitor who steps into the cloakroom is wearing a mask.

Payments

As you are aware our invoice system payments are now due monthly or termly depending on how you have chosen to pay this. Payments are due on the **14th of each month**. Please be aware that £10 late payment charges will be added to your account if you do not inform Laura of any issues around paying this. Please contact the office if you need to make other payment arrangements or a different payment date.

family

As you know we crossed over from Tapestry to Family last term. We just wondered if you would give us some feedback on what you think of the platform Family?

Do you know that you can post observations from home on Family? We do love to see photos that you upload from home.

Family allows you to message the Sunshiners team or staff individually, this is great to build on parent partnerships. However please be aware that if you message outside of working hours it may not be until the next working day that you receive a response.



You guys have absolutely smashed bringing in pieces of fruit in daily, but did you know that you could bring in a sheet of card or something to do with crafts if you didn't always want to bring fruit in? We definitely have some mini Picasso's emerging at Sunshiners so any craft items are always warmly welcomed!



If your child is absent for any reason or if your child will be late, could you please pop it on Family, phone or email us, so we are aware. It is never a problem but if you could let us know it would be appreciated.



We are holding a Festive Jumper Week on week commencing 14th December. This is just a fun week where the children (and staff!) can show off their favourite festive jumpers if they wish to on the last week of half term. Participation is NOT compulsory and please be aware that our normal activities will be out, so they may get messy!



If you think your child may be entitled to 2 year old funding or Early Years Pupil Premium from the government or if you would like to find out more please see our information page on our website: <http://www.wembdon-sunshiners.co.uk/early-years-entitlement-and-pupil-premium.html> or take an information leaflet from our reception area.

30 hour funding - If you already have a 30 hour funding code please make sure that you re-apply when you are told to do so by either calling the helpline on 0300 123 4097 or following this link: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> if you are not sure if you are eligible or not then please follow the

link above to check and see the table below. Ask Laura for further information.

If their child's third birthday falls between:	Parents need to apply, get a code and contact childcare provider before	Once place is confirmed families can start using extended hours from
1 September – 31 Dec	31 December	1 January (Spring)
1 January – 31 March	31 March	1 April (Summer)
1 April – 31 August	31 August	1 September (Autumn)



Here are a few ways in which you can raise funds for Sunshiners just by simply doing your usual online shopping...

1. Our Clothes bank is onsite to the right-hand side of the main hall so if you're having a clear out please don't forget to pop the clothes, soft toys, duvets and towels in there 😊
2. Smile Amazon. We all know that it's that time of year where Amazon becomes our go to place, by going through smile amazon and selecting Wembdon Sunshiners, it donates every time you shop.
3. At <https://www.mynametags.com/> using code 71970 (You can earn extra money if you shop via Easy Fundraising on this site as well!)



Raffle tickets will soon be on sale for our awesome Christmas raffle. We already have some fabulous prizes confirmed so please share with all friends and family about our raffle!



We had Green Apple in on the 20th and 22nd October before half term. The children were absolutely brilliant and we cannot wait to show you the photos. We are expecting the proofs around the 2nd week in November, as soon as we have them, we will let you know.



CHRISTMAS CARDS-CAULIFLOWER CARDS

The Christmas cards will soon be back with us and will be going out to you as soon as we have received them!! We are estimating that they will be with us, Week commencing 23/11/2020.



We really hope you enjoyed your Room on the broom packs! We also hope you enjoyed the story!! We are always open to suggestions of fundraising so if you have any ideas please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.

Halloween Fundraiser update

Fundraising has been a little different this year, but we just wanted to share with you that the 3 activities for Halloween: Room on the broom packs, trick or treat board and food obstacle course raised an amazing £157.23.



Please be aware that due to Covid-19 we have turned off our water fountain. Although we have

a supply of water and milk available during snack times, we ask that you provide your child with a clearly named drinks bottle with water ONLY during the session to be left on the trolley so that your child can access it freely. We are happy for your child to have juice at lunchtime. Please try to provide your child with a varied healthy lunch.



Donate Now We have a donation tree wish list located in the reception area, if you can donate any of the items on the wish list - it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to increase your child's sessions in January, please talk to Jen and Laura in the office so we can look into availability.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week commencing 2nd November

Monday 2nd November - Pre-School Returns

Week commencing 14th December

Festive jumper week-All week

Friday 18^h Dec-Final day of Term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Week Commencing 4th January 2020

Monday 4th January - INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th January - Pre-School Returns