



## Newsletter Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to all our new families who have started this week. We are so proud of how all the children have settled at Flying Start. It's been a pleasure getting to know all the children, finding out about their interests, recognising their individual playing styles and how they learn best. Our returning children are all looking so grown and modelling to our new children our values and this month is about 'Friendship'. The first few weeks are all about establishing relationships, routines and expectations. Already we can see children making lovely friendships with their peers and strong bonds with their Key Person. The sensory garden has been buzzing again with the children busy making mud pies and planting bulbs. Henry told us how the apples on the tree used photosynthesis to grow and how they used the sun. This was a great talking point for all the children. On Friday the staff dressed in all black to show their respect to the Queen. During carpet time, we talked about how the Queen's son was now King Charles.

I still can't quite believe we had OFSTED in our first week of a new academic year. For the past 2 years we've been on edge waiting for the phone call to say they were coming the next day, then when we least expect it then come. Finally it was our time to show off and celebrate all the amazing things we do at Flying Start for your children. If we had a choice, it definitely wouldn't have been day 3, but she could still see our aims and intent thread through the preschool. The Ofsted framework changed in September 2021, with a new very challenging criteria. The inspector will now go away and write her report, which has to be quality assured before I receive a draft. I will be given time to appeal anything in the report before it is finalised and published. Therefore, it will be a few weeks before I will be able to share the report with you.



### Arrival and Departure

In order to have a smooth and organised drop off and pick up, please can parents/carers form a queue around the side of the building.

Thank you.



### Nappies

We ask that children do NOT wear pull up nappies to preschool. When we have lots of children's nappies to change it takes longer when they are pull ups – especially as we approach the colder months and children are wearing lots of layers that need removing.

### Parking

Please avoid parking in the carpark closest to the main door. Staff park there to free up spaces along the driveway and reduce movement of cars where children are waiting to enter the preschool.

### Tapestry

Everyone should have now received an email to activate your tapestry account. You will receive notifications when an observation has been loaded by your child's Key Person. Please bear with us at the moment while we focus on settling the children into preschool. Time on the iPads loading photos and writing comments is time away from playing with the children. Please also feel free to add your own photos and videos from home. We love seeing what you get up to when you're not with us. There is also a section called 'All About Me' where you can share more information about your child. The more you share, the better we can provide a personalised curriculum.

### Uniform

If you would like to order some more uniform, speak to a staff member at the door. Please note the uniform is not required, but it is definitely handy, as we do lots of messy play.

Sizes: 1/2yr olds, 3/4yr olds and 5/6yrs olds

Polo shirts - £10.25     Jumpers - £12.25

Please transfer the money when ordering.

Bank details for payments:

Account name: Flying Start Pre-School

Account number: 20441430

Sort Code: 40-01-29

### Afternoon Sessions

If you would like your child to stay longer in the day, please let a member of staff know at the door in the morning or in advance. Please pay the extra on the day via cash or bank transfer. After lunch from 1pm-2pm will be Wild Learning where we explore our outdoor area.

If your child receives the funding and you choose to extend the session, this will be charged at our full rate of £8.00 an hour. If you wish to permanently change the hours, you can do so anytime and will receive the funded rate as long as it's within your 15/30 hours you're entitled to.

### Universal/Extended/FEET funding

Please ensure you have completed and returned the Autumn Term Declaration Form. If you are new to receiving the funding this term, a member of staff we need to see your child's ORIGINAL ID (passport/birth certificate)

### Invoices

The Autumn Term's first instalment is due to be paid by today please.

2 yr olds Non Funded		
9.00am - 12.30pm 3 ½ hour session	£28.00 per session	
9.00am - 2.00pm 5 hour session	£40.00 per session	(1hr 30 mins) Extra £12.00

3 and 4 yrs Funded		
9.00am - 12.30pm 3 ½ hour session	£10.96 per session	
9.00am - 2.00pm 5 hour session	£15.65 per session	(1hr 30 mins) Extra £12.00 Extra funded £4.69

### Fees

The term after your child turns 3 yrs they are entitled to the 15 hours Universal and for some Extended 15 hours Funding. Due to the low amount Surrey County Council give us per child per hour, we have to have a session charge which covers snack, extra-curricular activities and a higher staff to children ratio. These charges are displayed on our website, handed out at registration and new charges are emailed out 3 months in advance.

If your child is in receipt of 2-year-old FEET funding, then this will stop the term after they turn 3 years old and our funded session rate will be applied.

Things to remember:

- Label all items – e.g. wellies, coats, bottles and lunch boxes.
- Half grapes, cherry tomatoes and olives, no nuts and no chocolate.
- Bring layers and wet weather clothes (no puddles suits - just coats)

### **Dates to Remember**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sep                      Nursery starts  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sep                        Deadline for payment of Invoice (Autumn 1)  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep                Jeans for Genes Day  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct                        New 2-Year-Olds will receive a 2-year check report. New 3-year-olds will receive a Summary report

### **Half Term - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct                      Return to nursery  
Wk Beg 28<sup>th</sup> Nov                Parent Consultations  
Thurs 8th Dec                    Christmas Jumper Day  
Fri 9th Dec                        Christmas Concert at 11am (all children welcome even if not their day)  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec                        Christmas Party for all children – **Finish a 12:30pm for all.**

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