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# Newsletter

## Summer Term 2018

### Welcome

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter & enjoyed the holidays. We would like to welcome back our children from last term along with all our new children & families in Birth to Three. We hope everyone settles in quickly and confidently ready for our Summer Term ahead.

Funded children are back in on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

I'm sure our pre school children and parents will be eagerly finding out which schools they will be starting in September. We'd kindly ask that you inform the pre school staff so that we know where to send transition documents onto. How exciting!

### Weather

We would kindly ask that you send your child in appropriate clothing for when we are playing in the garden including sun hats, waterproof jackets, trainers or shoes. Now that it seems that the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child has had sun cream applied before they arrive for their session. Wellington boots will still be required on wet days. We discourage children wearing flip-flops and crocs (apart from toilet training children indoors).

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED.

### Staffing

We would like to welcome Sasha Hibbert to our 2-3 room team from Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Sasha is really looking forward to joining us & will be introducing herself to her key children's parents.

There have been a number of small changes with Key children, so please do not hesitate to ask who is your child's key person. Lists are also on display for your reference.

We are also pleased to be welcoming back Lauren to pre-school in June after her maternity leave.

### 2 year old funding

Have you got a 2 year old?

Did you know your 2 year old could get up to 15 hours a week free care, learning and play here?

Your child will have the opportunity to learn through play, make new friends, try different activities, improve their communication and get a good start to their education.

Your 2 year old may be eligible if one of the following apply:

1. You are in receipt of one of the following benefits:
  - Income support
  - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support through Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child tax credit, and have a annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

2. Your family received working tax credit with a household income of less than £16,190

3. Your 2 year old has a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan or is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance.

4. The 2 year old is currently in the care of the Local Authority (LAC) or has left care through a special guardianship or an adoption or residence order.

To find out more and apply go to [www.bedford.gov.uk/2yearfunding](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/2yearfunding)

Or call Bedford Borough Family Information Service on 0800 023 2057

### 30 hour Offer

The eligibility checker at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> is now live for you to check if you are eligible for the 30 hours offer for working families with 3 and 4 year old children.

You will receive a DERN code that you will need to provide us with along with your name or names and your National Insurance number/s which we will need to send in to the Local Authority with your consent along with your child's name and date of birth to confirm your eligibility for the funding.

**Without** this information **we will not** be able to provide you with 30 hours funding offer: however you will still be eligible for the 15 hours universal funding.

Parents need to check their eligibility on line every three months and in turn inform us that they are still eligible; otherwise they may not continue to receive the additional funding.

If you encounter any difficulties applying on line please contact HMRC on 0300 0123 4097

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### Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

#### What is Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

Some children who are receiving the 3 & 4 year old free 15 hour education entitlement could be eligible for EYPP. This means that your child's nursery, preschool or childminder could get up to £300 each year to support your child's learning.

We will work with you to consider the learning needs of your child and the additional funding will be used to support your child's development. This could be through the purchase of new resources, training staff or buying services from external agencies such as toy libraries & music groups etc.

During our recent Ofsted inspection we were required to show how the funding is used.

#### Is my child eligible?

3 and 4 year-olds in state-funded early education will attract EYPP funding if you meet at least one of the following criteria: • Income Support • Income-based Jobseeker's 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 (provided they're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) • Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit • Universal Credit

#### How do I apply?

You can check if you are eligible go to the online checker on the My Early Learning website (<https://www.myearlylearning.co.uk/EarlyYears/About>) Click on 'Apply Now' under EYPP - You will get a reference number when you apply and if you are eligible give this to your child's setting.

Your child may also be eligible if: they are currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales: they have left care in England or Wales through: adoption: a special guardianship order: a child arrangement order.

#### 2 year old Integrated review

We are continuing to take part in the 2 year old integrated review scheme within Bedford Borough. The aim of the review is to bring Health, parents and Early years settings together, because age 2 is

an important time for children and their parents. It is a time when problems with language development and behaviour can start to be identified and at an age where interventions can be more effective than they would be for an older child, making a real difference to a child's future.

Before this session Parents will have been asked to complete a ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire) provided by the Health Visitor and your child's Key Person will have completed an EYFS 2year old Progress Check. Then during the session these documents will be discussed and shared and parents will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns or worries with the Health Team. We have been lucky to have Nicole Weston CNN (Community Nursery Nurse) to carry out these sessions along with the Health Visitor. She also carries out height and weight checks.

The reviews are carried out here at Keep Guard in a private room and you will be sent a letter to invite you to the session. Please remember your child's red book in order to updates charts etc.

It is the aim of the Health service that children are seen at 27 months (2  $\frac{1}{4}$ ).

#### "Lift Off to Language" Groups

As an Early Years Setting we are aware of the growing number of children entering school without the necessary speech, language and communication skills to access the curriculum. The Lift Off to Language project was set up by the Speech and Language Therapy Department SEPT and required settings to nominate a member of staff to become a trained practitioner in Lift Off to Language. And Sian Bolam, our Pre School Leader is our settings Speech and language coordinator.

Lift Off to Language is a programme of 6 sessions each lasting approximately 20 minutes for a group of 4-6 children. The group provides the opportunity to target children's social interactions, turn taking skills, comprehension and expressive language skills. Our aim is that these booster groups will help prevent difficulties escalating to the point of needing specialist intervention. Additional children who would benefit from this programme are those with:

- Social difficulties i.e. lack of awareness of others, prefers to play alone, difficulty initiating interaction with others
- Attention difficulties
- Difficulties in taking turns
- Shy, quieter children
- English as an additional language
- Speech sounds difficulties
- Limited language skills (may use signs to communicate)

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### Collection times

We would kindly ask that all children are dropped off and picked up on time. The biometric finger print system has been successful, however if you are late collecting your child, the system will not let you in. Parents will be charged £5 for 'up-to' every 15 minutes they are late. Full day care finishes at 6pm, and children need to be collected by 6pm at the latest. Unfortunately when children are picked up late, this has a knock-on-effect for staff that may need to catch buses or collect their own children as they finish their shift at 6pm. We appreciate your cooperation with this issue.

### Lost Property

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS ARE NAMED.**

### Developing Independence

We actively encourage children to be as independent as possible getting their coats and shoes on. Unfortunately some children are struggling to put their shoes back on due to 'laces'.

Velcro shoes are perfect for nursery and offer the children a sense of pride and achievement once they are on.

### Diarrhoea and Vomiting

If your child has had a bout of diarrhoea OR sickness, they must remain at home for 48 hours after their last bout, as stated in our 'Sickness and Illness' Policy.

### Parking

We ask that all parents and visitors using our car park, park their vehicles in the designated parking bays, and do not park across three spaces or drop off right outside the main entrance. This causes congestion and danger to children and their families.

### Nappies and Toilet Training

Please can I remind parents with children requiring nappies to ensure there is a sufficient amount brought in for your child.

We would kindly ask that if your child is toilet training then you provide plenty of changes of underwear, socks and joggers or leggings. Plastic 'croc' style shoes or jelly shoes are also a good idea as these can be easily washed if an accident does occur.

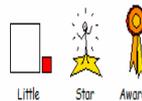
Please see the 'toilet training' display in the entrance hall for lots of ideas & support.

### Birthdays

If your child is celebrating their birthday while at pre school/nursery and you would like to bring in a treat to share, we would kindly ask you to bring in NON FOOD gifts eg balloons, bubbles, pencils etc. NO SWEETS/CAKES/RAISINS etc. Thank you.

### Eylog

We hope you are all enjoying eyLog and finding this system a useful tool in being part of your child's learning and development. We really appreciate all of your parental observations, photographs and videos, they really do support your child's learning journey. Many of your child's important learning experiences occur away from nursery at home. For example, we will not have seen your child join in with family celebrations or build sandcastles on holiday at the seaside.



Parental observations will give us important information about your child's interests, experiences and developmental progress which we can use alongside our observations of your child to support their learning journey.

Your child will have the opportunity to share their experiences with their friends in nursery helping them reflect on their own successes, achievements and talents.

### Learning Week

We shall be holding learning week the w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 for Birth to Three parents and w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for our Pre-school parents. You will be able to book a half hour appointment to meet with your child's key person, discuss your child's progress through eyLog and stay and play. Please keep an eye open for the board where you can book your appointment.

### Five To Thrive

We would like to introduce Five to Thrive to all of our Parents, which is the things you do every day that help your child's growing brain.

Your child's body grows better when you give your child good food. Your child's brain grows better when you do five simple things that feed their growing brain:

Respond  
Cuddle  
Relax  
Play  
Talk



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We are always in need of paper for the children's drawings and paintings. If you know of any paper being thrown out please see Esther.

Thank you for all of the donations so far!!

Within Birth to Three we have introduced "Humpty Dumpty's Five to Thrive". These are bags containing a cuddly Humpty Dumpty and resources to help support you understand the principles behind this initiative. Each bag contains a note book and we would be grateful if you could record what activities you have carried out with your baby or toddler through making notes, photographs or drawings. We will be asking each family to take Humpty Dumpty's Five to Thrive home for a week and a free booklet will be given out too. We value your feedback, so please makes notes in the books.

### Medication

We would like to remind all our parents that if your child needs liquid paracetamol or similar medication during their time at nursery, such medication should be treated as prescription medication with the onus being on you the parent to provide the medicine you wish to use. Please ensure all medicines are clearly named and are in date. Thank you. Please see our medication policy for further clarification, which can be found in the entrance hall on the top shelf.

### Contact Details

Please ensure that we have an up to date telephone number to contact you when your child is in nursery. We will be sending out some forms this term so that details can be checked & updated if needed.

### Website

If you have not already done so, please take a look at our website on [www.keepguarddaynursery.co.uk](http://www.keepguarddaynursery.co.uk). The website informs you of all the services which we provide, along with term dates and upcoming events and articles which may be of interest to you... eg A Parents guide to Speech & language.

### Fledglings

Come and join other new Mums and their babies on Friday mornings between 10am and 11.30am, to share a cup of tea or coffee in a cosy setting to celebrate your new baby. FREE & Term Time only. The Children's Centre join us every 6 weeks to offer advice, support and baby weighing....Don't forget your red book!

### Paper Request

Does your work throw out any old paper big or small, end of big rolls or use large computer paper (tricky now as everyone is trying to go paperless) or rolls of wallpaper?

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Funded children return
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	May Day - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Chick's arriving in Pre-School
w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> May - Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	May Half Term
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Funded children return
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	"Father's Day" week. All Dads are invited to join us for a play at any time during this week. Please see your child's key person if you are able to join us.
w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018	Birth to Three Learning Week
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Pre-School Learning Week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Last day of term

### Christmas Closure 2018

Please note that the whole of Keep Guard will be closed over the Christmas period from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and then back open on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 for full time children. Funded children will be back on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Lynn, Esther and all of the staff team at Keep Guard Day Nursery.**

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