



# Childrens House Newsletter

Summer Term 2024

A very big welcome to all our families. We hope you're ready for an action-packed  
**Summer Term at The Children's House!**



It's incredible that we're already at the start of this final term of the academic year! My time as Acting Manager is flying past, and we're looking forward to welcoming Stacey back to nursery from her maternity leave, most likely at the start of August. She will be joining us for a few 'keeping in touch' sessions prior to returning, so some of you may see her in nursery occasionally during the weeks ahead.

This of course, is the final term for our Class of 2024 who will be leaving to start school in September. We'll be supporting our children (and parents!) with this important transition throughout the term ahead. More of this to come later in the newsletter!

After so much rain again last term, we're really looking forward to some warmer weather ahead, and extending more of the children's learning to the great outdoors.

Our **Summer Term project** will be '**Our Planet!**' which is fantastic for encouraging a love of the natural world, and embracing outdoor discovery.



Understanding the world allows children to establish a meaningful connection with their environment. By observing the natural world children gain a sense of appreciation for their surroundings, laying the foundation for a lifetime of caring for, and preserving the environment.

In nursery, we provide a learning culture where children develop skills to take care of nature through play and creativity, without inflicting anxiety on them.

Our teachers are strong role models for the way children understand the importance of the world around them. When adults act in a respectful way towards animals and the environment, children will receive the message these things are entitled to care and protection.

We will be including discussions on the importance of water and how crucial it is to life, the oceans, minibeasts and life cycles, as well as recycling and summer safety.





There will be plenty of planting and growing opportunities throughout the summer term, with all the accompanying sensory experiences as children feel the soil between their fingertips, the texture of seeds in their hands, the smells of different herbs and flowers, and the vast range of different colours they can see.



Within this outdoor environment, children are able to explore their own personal risk; whether that is how high they choose to climb, their proximity to spiders, or even the feel of damp leaves and squelchy mud on their fingertips!



There's lots of information about our Summer Term project available on our website, please click on the link below where you can find out more.

[Link: Summer term project](#)

## Hopefully, over the Easter holidays, our older children will have found out which first school's they will be attending from September.

Please do let us know which school your child will be going to, as we begin helping to prepare them for this important transition.



Your child may be really looking forward to starting school, or they may be nervous about leaving the familiarity of nursery and home. Talking enthusiastically about school will help. Talk to them about the sorts of things they will be doing, and who they will meet. Parents are often confused by what is meant by 'school readiness'. It actually refers to how simple the transition is for children heading to school, and how adjusted they are socially, physically, and intellectually beforehand.

Independence and self-regulation are far more important in helping your child with a smooth transition, than whether they are able to read and write. You can help your child by practicing the skills below: -

**Getting dressed** - encourage your child to dress on their own - including fastening buttons, zipping zips and taking off and putting on a jacket/coat.

**Eating independently** - your child should know how to eat using a knife, fork and spoon.

**Going to the toilet** without help.

**Talking to other children** - having friends is hugely beneficial for children. Encourage your child to talk and play with other children, sharing books, toys or games.

**Listening to what the teacher says** - your child should be able to listen without interrupting and to answer when spoken to. You could practice this at home - encouraging family discussions, taking turns to listen and to speak.

**Recognising their name** - some children will already be able to read and write simple words by the time they start reception class but others will be new learners. Explore what the letters in your child's name look like and help them try to write their name. It's important that your child can recognise their name so they can find their own things in the classroom.

This term we will encourage lots of discussions about starting school, which will benefit all of the children, not just our Class of 2024. Talking about the things we will see and hear when we start school helps children to prepare for exciting days ahead of them!

Although we will miss our older children a great deal, we wish them lots of luck in their new adventures and will enjoy sharing this final term with them.

Our **School Leavers Graduation Ceremony** gives our older children a chance to say goodbye to their friends and teachers.

This year we will be holding two ceremonies (one for each class) on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. Parents will be able to come to watch their child receive their leaving certificate and gift.

We will email you further information about this including times, as soon as possible.

## Parent Questionnaire

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### Childrens House Parent Survey 2024

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Please take a few moments to fill out our survey. It's very important to us to know how you feel about the school.

You are welcome to put your name at the bottom of the form but this is optional if you would like to remain anonymous.

All responses will be reviewed by our principal, Stacey and the nursery owners.

Please can you help us to find out what you think about the nursery?

We welcome parent feedback to discover ways to improve the service that we offer to our families.

We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete our short survey and we'll let you know the results in due course. Thank you for your help with this.

[Link: Parent Questionnaire](#)



## Some important reminders...

### • Nursery photographers

Our nursery photographers, Concept Photography, produced some fantastic shots of the children last time they visited us. They will be coming into nursery this term on **Tuesday 21st May 9.00 – 11.30am** to take photographs of our school leavers.

If your child leaves for school at the end of the summer term, and you would like a photograph as a keepsake of nursery days, please speak to me so that we can book you in. There will be a group shot of all the leavers, and a chance for individual portraits for those of you who want them. We will remind you about this again closer to the time.

[Link: Concept Photography](#)



• We will be holding a **Parent's evening** this term, for all children moving on to big school. This will give you an opportunity to look at your child's work and discuss their progress. The dates will be:

**Kirsty's Group - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

**Christina's group - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

There will be a list of times available on the nursery door nearer to the dates, where parents can sign up for a slot with their child's key worker.

### • Sun hats and sun cream

With the warmer weather approaching we would like to remind all parents to ensure children attend nursery with an appropriate, NAMED, sun hat.

This summer we will be using **Asda's Protect Kids Sensitive SPF Sunscreen Formula** at the Children's House. This sun lotion has the highest, 5-star UVA rating and has been dermatologically tested and developed for children's delicate and sensitive skin.

If you wish for us NOT to use this cream on your child please provide a NAMED bottle of your preferred sun-cream that can remain on site at ALL times.



## • Items from home

Please can we be mindful of the size and contents of bags brought into nursery. We have everything that your child might need for a session in nursery.

Please also can we be mindful of items in children's pockets, and any items brought in for 'Show and Tell'. We are mixed classes at The Children's House starting from age 2 years old, and therefore many small items are not suitable for this age group. We appreciate your support when keeping our children as safe as possible.

Please can you NAME all items such as water bottles, lunchboxes and jackets/cardigans/coats as these can get easily lost and mixed up.



## • Nursery forms

Please do inform us if your child has taken any medication or sustained any injury prior to a session with us. You will be asked to fill out a quick form at drop off. However, for your ease, these forms can also be downloaded and printed out from our website to complete at home and bring into nursery with you.

[Link: CH website forms](#)

## • Up to date contact information

It's so important that yours and your emergency contact's details are kept up-to-date, so that we can get in touch with you should there be any need to. Please check that the information we have on our records is correct.

## • Nursery term and holiday dates

The term and holiday dates for this academic year and the next are available on our website to assist with your forward planning.

[Link: Childrens House Hours, Fees & Holidays](#)



## And finally...

If you have any ideas for things that the children might like to include as part of their learning this term, please do share on Tapestry or speak to a teacher. We're always pleased to share favourite stories, songs and activities from home in nursery.

In the summer sunshine, children can use their senses for a whole new way of learning. Ready to stretch their limbs and voices, summer learning provides the open space to explore some of their inner creativity!

We're particularly looking forward to our adventure this term exploring 'Our Planet', and of course.... seeing you all in nursery very soon!

Kind regards

**Christina x**

