



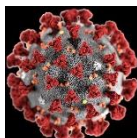
## Newsletter

### Parent Guidance

On the 28<sup>th</sup> September we emailed out an updated coronavirus letter, please take your time to read this as it sets out many different points. We will continue to review this often updating it where needed to include the most recent government guidelines. Some of the important points where;

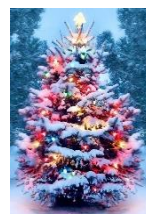
- The symptoms of coronavirus.
- Advice for self-isolation and testing.
- It set out the procedure we would take if a child/adult was to contract coronavirus/show signs and symptoms of this whilst at the setting.

We will for the foreseeable future be continuing ask you to wear face mask and we will continue to wear gloves when collecting your children from the gate and spraying their belongings when bring them in to the setting. We ask that you please remember not to bring toys from home in with your children at this time we are only expecting essential comfort belongings. We thank you for your understanding in this matter



### Christmas Has Arrived

Christmas has now arrived at Little Explorers both the Foundation Stage and the Birth to Three rooms have been decorated with trees and paperchains with the help of the children. The children in both rooms have now started doing an array of Christmas activities which is displayed around the rooms and by the end of term be they will all be sent home for you to enjoy over the festive period. Please remember that if you are doing anything at home you can share picture with us but uploading them to your child's tapestry account. Please look out for a Christmas card list coming home with your children. This is a list of the children's and adult names for each room if you would like to do Christmas cards with your children. In the Foundation Stage Room, we are pleased to welcome an Elf which the children have chosen to call Elfie. Elfie moves around the room of an evening and the children are enjoying trying to find him when they come in of a morning. Look out for pictures on Tapestry of our Christmassy rooms throughout December.



### Sickness

Please note that we are unable to care for children who are unwell due to our duty of care in safeguarding all children and our infection control policy.

Additionally, please be reminded that children who have had sickness and/or diarrhoea must be kept away from the setting for 48 hours after the last episode.

For children who have been prescribed antibiotics we require that they are kept home for 48 hours before they return to the setting (if well enough).

If your child or someone in your household shows symptoms of coronavirus, please keep your child at home and get a test. If this comes back negative when your child is well enough they can return to the setting.

**NHS**

### Open Door Policy

Please be reminded that although we are not currently having parents in the setting we still have an 'open door' policy. This means that if you would like to speak to your child's keyperson, a member of the senior leadership team or Harriet please do not hesitate to get in to contact with us. We are all contactable through email, phone calls and virtual meetings so please get in contact if you would like to speak to our staff.



Please find below the spaces available for each day in the Foundation and Baby room. If you would like a space on top of your usual booked hours please let us know as soon as possible as the spaces are limited.

All day sessions are also available in both rooms.

## Foundation Stage Spaces

December

Day	Date	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	30th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Tuesday	1st	Full	12:30pm-3:00pm
Wednesday	2nd	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday	3rd	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Friday	4th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Monday	7th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Tuesday	8th	Full	12:30pm-3:00pm
Wednesday	9th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday	10th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Friday	11th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Monday	14th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Tuesday	15th	Full	12:30pm-3:00pm
Wednesday	16th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday	17th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm
Friday	18th	8:30am-12:30pm	12:30pm-3:00pm

## Baby Room Spaces

December

Day	Date	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	30th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Tuesday	1st	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Wednesday	2nd	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Thursday	3rd	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Friday	4th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Monday	7th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Tuesday	8th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Wednesday	9th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Thursday	10th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Friday	11th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Monday	14th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Tuesday	15th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Wednesday	16th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Thursday	17th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm
Friday	18th	8:00am-12:30pm	12:30pm-5:00pm



### Wish List



If you have any of the following, we would appreciate any donations to improve our outside area;

**Paint, varnish, plants, pots, compost, wooden planters, bedding plants, shrubs and large stones**

### Medication Forms

We have now introduced a process to support both children and their parents with medical/medication needs. If your child has a medical need please let us know and we will send you our new forms.



### Fruit Bar

Please remember that the Foundation Stage room offers a fruit bar to all of the children during snack time. In order for us to continue doing this we ask that each Foundation Stage parent / carer donates some fruit each week. This fruit will be chopped up and the children will take it in turns each day to serve this to their friends.

### Dates for your diary



#### Last day of term

The last day of Autumn term 2 is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no after school club running on this day.

#### January return

The first day we will reopen after two weeks Christmas holiday will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### Christmas Raffle

The draw for the PTFA Christmas Raffle is due to take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Please could you return any ticket stubs (with payment of £1 per ticket) by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please also return unused tickets as there is a waiting list for these.

There are some amazing prizes up for grabs. Good Luck!

### Special Thanks

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTFA of Shalfleet CE Primary School for their very kind donation of funding. This has enabled us to provide special presents for our children this Christmas.

### Staff All About Me

**Name:** Nancy Taylor

**Job Role:** Shalfleet Little Explorers Birth to Three Deputy Room Leader

Nancy joined the Little Explorers team in 2004 when both of her children attended the setting. During her time at Little Explorers she undertook an NVQ 2 in play works followed by a NVQ 3 in childcare learning and development. Nancy became the Birth to Three room leader in 2009 after covering Becky's maternity leave as Birth to Three room leader.

**Recent courses completed;** Equality and Diversity, Mental Health awareness in Children and Young People, Safeguarding, Prevent, FGM, Child Exploitation, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Paediatric First Aid, Infection control and attachment.

