



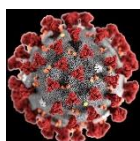
April Newsletter 2021

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everybody. We hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday. We are looking forward to our first full term with the children.

Parent Guidance

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



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.

Facebook Page



Please be aware that our new Facebook page is now up and running, if you have Facebook please give it a like and share it with your friends. As a reminder the children will not feature on this page but we will be sharing photos of our activities, continuous provision set ups and documenting changes to the setting as they are made. You can search for us using @LittleExplorers21

New Plans

We are excited to start implementing some more changes over the coming weeks. This month we are hoping to concentrate on the outside area so we have also attached our wish list to this email so anything you are able to donate from that would be greatly appreciated.



Medication Forms

If your child has a medical need please let us know and we will send you our individual health care plans.

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. Please also be aware that we have been informed that lateral flow testing is not affective way to identify coronavirus if you are showing symptoms. With this in mind if we send a child home with symptoms we will be asking you to get a full coronavirus test and will not be accepting LFT results as a negative.



Labelling

Please ensure you label your children's clothes, coats and spare clothes they bring to the setting, we now have lots of children and it can be difficult to identify children's belongings.



Some Thank You's for March

We have had some lovely people and businesses that have supported us through March collecting/removing resources and donating some lovely items to the preschool.

Becky (staff) for taking lots of unneeded resources to the charity shop for us.

Jaimee's Mum Lyn for kindly donating her time and painting our foyer for us and donating some toys.

Daryl (Miss Isaac) for kindly donating some clothes.

Chris and Steve from Yarmouth Tyres for providing us with tyres for our outside area.

Thank you all so very much for the support.

Dates for your diary



Last day of term

28th May 2021 is the last day of term leading up to the Whitsun Holidays.

June return

After the half term we will return to normal preschool running on 7th June 2021.

May Bank Holidays

Please be aware there are bank holidays coming up on the 3rd May & 31st May and Little Explorers will be closed on these days.

Outdoor Clothing

Please could we ask that you provide your child with a waterproof suit or waterproof clothing and wellies during their time at the setting. Our new plans involve a lot of outdoor play with water, mud and paint to name just a few resources. With the amount we do at the moment we regularly end up having to fully change the children but with the addition of mud and other resources it would be easier for the children and adults at the setting if they had the clothing outline above. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Suitable Footwear

Please ensure when your child comes to preschool they are wearing suitable footwear. We try to encourage the children over time to become independent in self-care situations such as putting their shoes on so shoes with Velcro or slip on shoes would be the easiest for them. Thank you for your understanding in this.

What Will We Be Exploring This Month

This term in the Foundation Stage room our backdrop to learning will be 'Spring'. During this back drop we will be exploring all the natural changes that take place during spring from the discovery of fledgling life to the first sight of new flowers, spring can offer a wonderful learning experience. Outdoors is the place to explore changes in nature, experience seasonal weather and to celebrate myriad springtime events. We will be looking at the weather, mini-beasts, habitats, gardening, water and mud play and the lifecycle of butterflies.

In the Birth to three room we will be following the children's individual interests and continuing to encourage the children to be individual and curious learners. We will be continuing to encourage open ended play, encouraging the children to join in with some gardening, play, water play and planting in our outside area with our new wall planters. We have recently changed our small world space for a treasure island/beach theme. We will be continuing to provide sensory activities for the children to enjoy as well of story tuff trays following the success of our Gruffalo one.



Some Exciting News

We're delighted to announce that Alexx Rimmer (Birth to Three Practitioner) is expecting her second baby in October.



Staff All About Me

Name: Karen Ingram

Job Role: Childcare practitioner Foundation Stage

Karen first joined our Little Explorers team back in July 2010 where she took up the role as Holiday Club Practitioner during the summer holidays. She then went on to work at our federated sister school in Yarmouth working both in Little Stars Preschool and in the Reception Class there. Karen returned to Little Explorers in May 2011, so will soon be celebrating 10 years of working with our children. Karen's experience in childcare is a vast 30 years, she has NNEB qualification and has undertaken many other courses to further her knowledge. Throughout her career Karen has taken on different aspects of working with children, starting off being a nanny, then working in a private school in the reception class, working in preschools, and as a music assistant for a weekly Rhythm Time group. Karen also assisted and then herself became the leader of a Rainbows Group – a position she held for 12 years. Today Karen is a familiar face to those parents who have older children come through the setting and are returning with a younger sibling.

Recent courses completed: Online Safety, Mental Health Awareness and Safeguarding.

Staff All About Me

Name: Charlotte Bayldon

Job Role: Senior practitioner Birth to Three room

Charlotte first joined Shalfleet Little Explorers in March 2004 – celebrating 17 years last month. Charlotte worked as a student placement here in 2003 and upon gaining her Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education entered straight into full-time employment at Little Explorers and has been here ever since. Charlotte is a well-known and familiar face at Little Explorers; throughout the years she has worked in the Foundation Stage, After School Club and is currently a Senior Practitioner in the Birth to Three Room. To support this role over the years Charlotte has taken number specific training courses such as 'Being Attached: Attachment Theory, Positive Behaviour Management, Circle Time and How You Respond Affects How Others React.

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