

Fizzy Fish News

Your child's key person is

July 2019

Welcome to the last newsletter of the academic year.

Staff

We recently said goodbye to Tiffany and Rhianna. We wish them well for the future.

Pip recently joined us. She trained with Lou and worked for a few months at Fizzy Fish a few years ago before travelling the world, working in childcare on Cruise ships and with families in Australia. She will be with us for the next few months before leaving to work in Canada.

Ellie has recently passed her Level 3 qualification.

Aarthi joined us in April and is our Deputy Manager at Peter Gladwin. She is level 3 and has a wealth of knowledge and experience of Special Needs.

Lynn started last month and is working as Bank Staff when needed. She has recently returned from Dubai where she worked in private nurseries. Before going to Dubai, she worked as a Classroom Assistant at Hangleton Primary School.

Katie is also working as Bank Staff and joins us after completing her level 3 at Greater Brighton Metropolitan College. It is planned that she will eventually work at our Pre-School at Peter Gladwin.

Jess, Pip's sister, joined us in June as Bank Staff.

Abbi will join us soon, initially as Bank Staff but more permanently later in the year once she knows her days at University where she is studying Childhood and Youth Studies.

Nursery:

Naomi Maxwell - Area Manager, Cook, Safeguarding Officer and Early Years Educator

Sian Knight - Deputy Manager, Safeguarding Officer and Early Years Educator

Georgia Hyland - Deputy Manager, Safeguarding Officer and Early Year Educator

Becki Parris - Deputy Manager, SENCO and Early Year Educator

Mercedez Walshe - Early Years Educator

Lara Deason - Early Years Educator

Ellie Fothergill - Early Years Educator and Messy Play Co-Ordinator

Candice Foster - Apprentice Early Years Educator.

Donna Huntsman - Cook and Lunch time assistant

Pre-school:

Megan Reed - Trainee Early Years Teacher

Kirstie Salmon - Deputy Manager, Safeguarding Officer and Early Years Educator

Ashton Nealgrove - Deputy Manager, SENCO and Early Years Educator

Tracy Banks - Early Years Educator

Ryan Karacochi - Apprentice Early Years Educator and Outside Co-Ordinator

Pre-school @ Peter Gladwin:

Aarthi Thanabalasingam - Deputy Manager

Angel Green - Early Years Educator

Important Dates

Last Day for Term Time Only Children is Friday 26th July.

Last Day for All Year Children who are Starting School is Friday 30th August.

First Day of Term for Term Time Only Children is Monday 9th September.

Funding for all children starts on Monday 9th September. We are open the week commencing 2nd September but full fees will apply for sessions.

If your child is leaving this summer and is leaving before their contract end date, we would be grateful for prior notice.

We would like to take this opportunity to say that we will miss all the children leaving us and we hope they enjoy their new schools and settings.

Leavers Party

Our leavers party will be held on Wednesday 17 July from 2 -4 pm. Children who come in on a Wednesday will be looked after by our staff although you are more than welcome to pop in. Children not booked in will of course be able to attend with a parent or carer. Please note that we will not have the space to invite siblings and unfortunately we are fully booked so do not have the space for extra sessions.

Extra Sessions During The Summer Holiday

Each year, we offer bookings for extra sessions during the summer holidays for all our children including term time only and ad hoc children. These extra sessions are available from Monday 29 July until Friday 30 August and are subject to availability. These will be charged at our normal non-funded rates. So that we can staff accordingly, any extra sessions for this period will need to be **booked in by Friday 5th July**. Again, please contact Karen by via the Extra Sessions Contact page on our website. Karen will then check availability. Spaces will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Red Pebble Photography

You should all have received your link to your child's photographs from Natasha. We hope you love your photos. The ones we have seen are absolutely gorgeous. Please note that the **deadline for orders is Friday 5 July**. Please email Natasha at red-pebble@outlook.com.

Pre-School at Peter Gladwin

This setting opened at the beginning of April. A couple of children have transferred from our other Pre-School and a few new children have started. A number of children are due to start in September at the beginning of the new academic year. As numbers were high at our Hangleton Pre-School, some children have been doing sessions at Peter Gladwin. This has allowed them to experience a school setting environment.

We are holding Open Days on 3rd and 11th July, to coincide with Peter Gladwin's Open Days. The school's Open Days (3:30 to 4:30) are for parents with children due to start school in September 2020. We will be open from 4 to 5.30 pm and would welcome anyone who is interested in seeing our Pre-School.

Preparing Pre-Schoolers for School

At both of the Pre-Schools we spend time preparing the children for their transition to school. We teach them to be self-sufficient being able to go to the toilet, put on and take off shoes and coats, to select the items of food they wish to eat and pour themselves drinks. They are also encouraged to communicate their needs and thoughts and to play and share with others. This is why we are asking parents to not allow their children to bring in toys or books or wear dressing up clothes when they come into the setting. We don't want items to get damaged or not to be shared. Schools don't allow this and as we are preparing them for school we want to discourage this as well. Of course they may bring in a comforter and leave a bike or scooter if they ride to the setting. Bikes and scooters will be stored if you are unable to take them away and they will not be used during the session.

Minor Accidents

If your child has a minor accident, i.e a small scratch, a red mark or graze, we won't in future fill out an Accident or Incident form. Instead we will record the accident on another, continuous form which you will be asked to sign on collection. We are trying to cut down on the amount of paperwork we complete and often the mark or scratch has disappeared by the time your child is collected. We will, of course, continue to complete forms and contact you for more serious injuries.

Tapestry and Planning

Following a meeting with Ofsted we have also decide to reduce the amount of paperwork for planning and observing activities. This will allow the staff to spend more time with the children. In future, staff will continue to plan activities to help your child develop but they won't be recorded in detail or evaluated in writing. Photographs will be uploaded to Tapestry so you can see what they have been doing. If required, a short written account of the activity will be added if it adds to the photograph. We will continue to select the relevant EYFS statements which helps us to see if the children are progressing but these won't be downloaded into your child's journal when they leave.

Extra Sessions for Funded Hours Only Children

From September, any extra hours for children that are only attending for their funded hours, the hourly rate will be £5.95 or £6.45 depending on whether they are on All Year or Term Time only contracts respectively.

Early Drop Offs and Late Pick Ups

Early drops before 7.30 am and late pick ups after 6 pm at the Pre-School's and 6.30 pm at Nursery, will be charged at £9 per hour.

Charges for Cancelling Extra Sessions

Swapped for another day in the same week - Free of charge

Cancelled with at least 48 hours notice - £25

Cancelled with 48 hours of the session - Full charge will apply

Removal of One Use Plastic

The removal of one use plastic is going well and we have easily replaced the plastic with re-useable alternatives.

We have finally used our last plastic carrier bag, **so please ensure you provide a water proof bag in your child's rucksack for the storage of wet or soiled clothes.**

30 Free Entitlement Hours

An extra 15 hours per week for 38 weeks may be available to children if their parent or parents they live with, each work at least 16 hours a week and earn less than £100,000.

Parents need to apply online to obtain the code needed to claim the extra 15 hours **the term your child turns 3**. Codes must be obtained **before** the start of the term, failure to do this will result in children not being able to access the extra hours until the following term.

Parents are informed by HMRC when they need to re-check their eligibility (every 3 months) and will be given a grace period to find new work if they lose their job. It is extremely important that you keep us updated about your eligibility as failure to do so will result in you being financially liable for any sessions not covered.

Tax Free Childcare

HMRC now offer the above which is similar to the old childcare vouchers. We are encouraging parents to register for this system for a number of reasons:

1. It allows most parents to take advantage of receiving up to £2,000 per year, per child towards childcare costs.
2. It enables the parents to make one payment to settle their invoice, instead of a bank transfer and one of more childcare voucher payments. This makes it much easier when allocating payments to invoices.
3. The current Childcare Vouchers is due to be phased out and any money paid into that system can only be used for childcare costs. Money in the new HMRC system can be withdrawn at any time.

For more details, please see www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-10-things-parents-should-know.

Visit childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk to sign up for the new service.

Invoices

Please remember **invoices should be settled by the date in the email attached to the invoice**. If for any reason you are unable to pay by that date, please let us know.

Social Media

Please keep up to date with our Facebook pages, as they are regularly updated and give you all the latest about what is happening in the settings and links to other useful information.

Suitable Clothing and Footwear

Please remember to send your child in with **appropriate clothing for the weather, including a top, jacket or coat and a change of clothes**. Children are still coming in without a change of clothing and without tops or jackets on days when the weather is changeable.

Appropriate footwear should also be worn. No open toed sandals. Crocs are acceptable now we don't have the climbing frame at Pre-school.

Sun hats and Sun Cream

Please you **send your child in with a sun hat**. If you want your child to use a specific sun cream, please ensure this is also brought in. Please ensure both are **named**.

Family Support Available

A list of local services to help support a variety of personal/family issues in Brighton & Hove can be found at www.familyinformationbrighton.org.uk.

Wanted Items

WELLIES: As always, we are grateful for any old wellies you may have. Some of the more fashionable wellies aren't as hard wearing as the traditional style and with the amount of use they get don't always last that long.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES: For use in our quiet area.

Recommendations

If you know of any families looking for spaces, please point them in our direction and remember that you receive a £25 voucher or £25 off your invoice for any child you recommend that starts at any of our settings.

Lou and I would like to thank you for your continuing support and custom. If you have any queries regarding this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact one of us and we welcome all suggestions and hope you will approach us about anything regarding our service.

www.fizzyfishhove.co.uk

info@fizzyfishhove.co.uk should be used for general enquiries and invoice queries.

sessions@fizzyfishhove.co.uk is for requests for extra sessions.

staff@fizzyfishhove.co.uk is also available if you would like to contact an individual member of staff. This address will also be used if a staff member needs to contact you.

Nursery - 01273 227425

Pre-School - 01273 727129

You can also contact either setting by texting Lou on 07769214244 or Naomi on 07805 348244.

SchoolPing is used to send information to parents. Please download the App to your smartphone or access the system through a browser.

Dayshare is linked to our Invoicing system (**Abacus**) and this is used to send out daily information about your child's day and general emails. This will include information about what and how much they have eaten, when and for how long they have slept, nappy changes and what they have done during the day. It can also be used to send photographs that may not be put on **Tapestry**. The emails are sent out asap after the end of the child's session. Emails are sent to the parent or parents that receives the invoices. If required, we can set up the second parent so please don't hesitate to ask.