

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020

Little Swans Day Nursery
August 2020

A big welcome to all children that have returned to the setting along with their families. We have missed you all and it is good to have you back and getting on with the day in a positive way.

Nursery is much quieter than before COVID and as a result some staff are working part time. We have staff that are job sharing with one member working the beginning of the week and another the end part of the week.

We do not know what will happen from September as it is generally the time of year we lose children to school so regarding staff working hours etc we will have to wait and see. The good news is that we are getting enquiries for places.

Children that aren't returning parents need to collect items left at the setting. You can do this as from next week; Monday 10th to Friday 14th August between the hours of 12 noon and 1pm. Your child's possessions will be handed to you at the gate.

Pre-school leavers Air Doc App:- Download your child's Journey pictures. Children's profiles will be removed from the site on 1\09\20.

Our Topic book at nursery for August is

Super Tato written by Sue Hendra

Find out what we are up to on a daily basis by



following us on **TWITTER**; search for swansyardley. Or go to our nursery website and read our room blogs or learn about future events on www.littleswans.org.uk

Pre School News This month Rolos and Heroes that are due to leave us in September will be looking online at their new schools and talking about what they will be doing when they start there; the friends they will make the activities they will be involved in as well as the names of their teachers and what they imagine they will be like. We will explore the children's feelings about moving on to school and what they are looking forward to.

This month we will be having a small graduation ceremony. The children will collect their certificates sing some songs and party with their friends, giving children the opportunity to say goodbye to their friends and teachers. We will record the ceremony for parents to view.

Both areas will be making goodbye cards for their friends.

Jelly Babies News

Hello everyone we hope you are keeping safe and enjoying the weather... though I'm looking out the window this morning and it's raining and miserable ☹️ but we have had some nice days so hopefully they will return ..

This month the Jelly babies will be exploring using lots of messy activities such as body painting, soapy water play, glitter pictures, rainbow coloured pasta play and making cupcakes. They will also use sand to make hand and foot prints, and mud from outdoors too!

Can parents who have not already done so please upload any videos or any achievements from home if you wish to share on your child's journals

Smarties Base Room

Hi Everyone

Please read the following activities that will be carried out with Smarties children in August. Adaptions will be made for our younger members. We have had a busy and exciting July and looking forward to another fun month! We will be working on completing our next steps with the help from our key persons. The Smarties will also be focusing on putting numbers in the correct order and learning to match number with quantity.

We will develop our confidence with carrying out small tasks and following two part sequence instructions.

As we enjoy playing with animals our teacher said we can learn about where animals live so we will be learning about their homes too.

We will be talking about holidays as some of us will be going away (maybe not..!!), and we will be making fruit cocktails and talking about where we would like to go. We will be packing a suitcase and learning about everything that is needed for a holiday adventure.

We will be enjoying water activities in the garden with water colours, soap and bubbles. We will also be developing our physical skills through obstacle courses and climbing equipment.

And last but not least we will be marking making on our t-shirts. Smarties will bring in an old vest or t-shirt to print on.

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The library is closed for the foreseeable future and therefore we do not have access to books and story sessions ☹️

• Notice for all parents

***Drop in SENCO Session**

Though we cannot offer a drop in session Rose will be available to talk via telephone with parents who have concerns regarding their child's development etc on Thursday 27th August between the hours of 10am and 11am.

Notice for Parents.

- Please make sure your child's hands are washed before they enter into nursery each morning
- **Children claiming Government Funding from September;** parents need to visit the Childcare Choices website and make an application by Monday 31st August. You will be given an 11 digit code that starts with 500.. Once you have the code please email along with your national insurance number to Sam Tranter.
You need to confirm your current address, child's full name, including middle names and their DOB
- Can all parents and carers please make sure you park your car on the Social Club car park or the Tile shop due to children lining up at the gate. Parents that come by taxi can you please make sure the taxi does not park on the nursery car park. Please ask them to park up at the Tile shop or Social Club.
- Can all parents please bring back the questionnaires regarding open and closing times and the slots you require
- Children from Heroes and Rolos have had their graduation pictures taken at the setting and they will be emailed to parents
- Children that are going off to school can parents please let us know which schools they will be attending so that we can forward all relevant paperwork
- Please provide a sun hat (all children) and sun cream (under 2's) to all parents who have not handed them in yet

FUNDING

As we are approaching the end of term and will soon be starting another term I would like to signpost parents to the government site **childcare choices**. This site has been set up by the government to advise parents on funding and tax free childcare available for working parents. If you think you may be eligible please visit the site on complete the online calculator which will provide you with money saving options for your childcare. Thank you <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Upcoming Events and Dates

OPEN DAY AT THE NURSERY

Saturday

1st August

Between the hours of

11:00am and 3:00PM

All parents and carers welcome

Supervisors and management will be here to answer your questions

It's a great opportunity to speak with staff and look around your child's new room for the up and coming new year starting September

Staff Training:

No staff training until further notice