

Iver Community Childcare

Newsletter for Parents, Carers and Staff

Autumn Term 1 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the holidays.

The nursery has under been undergoing a bit of a sort out and rearrangement over the holidays and we have purchased some new equipment including our new comfy sofa for stories and cosy chats, purchased with parents donations. The dry weather and then the wind and rain have left the garden in a very sorry state with the gazebo canopy and frame suffering severe damage one particularly windy night. The grass suffered badly in the drought and we also suffered from the attentions of some bored teenagers who smashed the windows in the shed and broke the door

. The garden is badly in need of some TLC and we have decided to cover the central section in astro-turf as well as add a roof to the sand pit and buy a summer house to give permanent shelter from the sun and rain. We hope to be able to expand the area of planting with more scented and sensory plants and make more room for our little allotment garden which is a big hit with the children. This will mean that the garden will be out of action while the work is done although hopefully not for more than a week or so. We aim keep you updated via our Facebook page and once the work is done, we will be happy to show you around.

The team at Tiny Toes

Breaking News

Autumn is around the corner and winter will be wet and cold– please make sure your child has wellies, a warm waterproof coat and water proof trousers as we play outside in all but the most extreme weathers.

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Websites for healthy lunch box ideas:-

Change 4 Life

BBC Good Food

Children's Food Trust



THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please do:

Remember to pay your child's fees by the 10th of the month. We would appreciate your co-operation and if you have any difficulties with this arrangement please contact Jacquie in our admin team on 01753 654546.

Don't forget that you can pay your fees by bank transfer using the details below.

Sort Code: 09 01 51 Acct No: 59224187

Please use your child's full name as a reference—thank you!

Label everything! We have lots of children at the settings and we can't always remember which coat or water bottle your child brought in that morning, so please label everything but particularly coats, lunch boxes and water bottles.

IMPORTANT DATES

There are no funded sessions during the Oct Half term. All sessions attended during the holiday must be paid in full and booked in advance.

As well as rearranging the nursery we are also reintroducing self registration for the 2-5 year old children. **Every day, when you arrive, please help your child find their name and picture card from the selection outside the main door. They can then bring their card inside and register by adding their name to the Velcro board.** The same picture will be used to mark their coat peg and tray.

You will also notice a change in the learning journals, with a weeks worth of more detailed observations being carried out each term alongside the more usual format. This is part of a bigger change in how the nursery is approaching planning. We are completing a move away from theme based planning into an approach known as 'planning in the moment' which focuses much more closely on the needs and interests of each individual child. **You will be asked to complete some short questions about your child each term to formally collect your valuable knowledge** but please do continue to let us know what your child gets up to at home verbally or though post it's on the WOW board so we can add your news to the learning journals.

Finally, we are welcoming back Georgia to the staff team who will be working the 3-6 shift. Georgia did her apprenticeship at Tiny Toes several years ago and it is a great pleasure to have her back on board.

She will be buddying up with our day time staff to provide key carer support to the children who stay for the evening sessions.

New key worker assignments are shown on the notice board so please check if you are unsure who your child's key worker is.