

Spring Term News Letter

Hello all and a Happy New Year. I hope you have all managed to have a lovely relaxing Christmas and the children have eaten to much chocolate and enjoyed their visit from farther Christmas.

With Christmas behind us and new year underway its time to think about our plans for 2023. This year sees Zoe's Childcare celebrate 10 years of been open and providing childcare and wrap around care for the local community.

We have parents pasts and present to thank for this and of course the children.

We look forward to celebrating this over the next few months with the children.

We have lots of fun learning opportunities planned for the children this term to offer them a chance to make new friends, learn, play & enjoy.

Admin points

- From January we have been forced to increase our fees and begin charging all 3 & 4 year olds for meals. I have attached the new rates for any parents who have for some reason not received a copy of the letter.
- All parents will be ask to sign a new contract during the beginning of term if you need to make any amendments please make me aware via email ASAP. Funded contracts will also be renewed.
- A small reminder that if your chid is not in fees still remain payable.
- All bank holidays are payable.
- Fees must be paid in advance.
- Please do not bring your child to nursery if they are poorly running a temperature / sickness these bugs spread quickly to children and staff. Children must remain at home for **at least** 48 hours after any sickness or diarrhoea
- Please arrive at your session start time, if you arrive early do not be offended if staff do not let your child in to nursery until your session start time.

- There is a a fee of £5 per half hour (or part there of) for late collections please be on time to collect your child a late drop off does not mean a late pick up. Please call if you are going to be late collecting your child.

I am looking forward to a great spring term with the children and families.

Zoe

Our website

The web site is under going a revamp please check it out for term dates, copies of the news letter and policies and much more.
www.zoeschildcare.co.uk

Key dates for 2023

2, 3 & 4 year old none funded weeks are as follows.

13-17 February	Half term (1 week)
27 March-14	April Easter break (3 weeks)
29- May- 2 June	Half term- nursery closed(1 week)
24 July- 1st September	Summer Holidays (6 weeks)
23 October- 3 November	Half term (2weeks)
25 December- 5 January 2024	Christmas break (2 weeks)

The Nursery will be closed on the following days

2nd January	Bank Holiday
7th & 10th April	Good Friday & Easter Monday
1st May	Bank Holiday
8th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
29th May- 2nd July	Closure week
28th August	Bank Holiday
25th December- 2nd Jan 2024	Christmas Break

Zoe's Childcare Core Values.

At Zoe's childcare we operate an open plan mixed age group nursery. Children of all ages mix and play together.

We give the children the opportunity to develop their social skills alongside their peers and we watch them learn from each other, new words, new skills, manners and caring for each other.



This is what makes us different we offer that opportunity to the children and we see the difference it makes to children both old and young. We aim to help our children become

- Healthy
- Independent
- Self confident



We do this by providing a learning rich environment and by valuing parents/carers feedback.

Parental feedback.

There has been a survey monkey survey coming out to all parents to help get your feedback on the service we provide, on staff and how you feel we can improve. Please offer any thoughts so we ensure we are achieving our core values and the best for your children. If you have not received the link to the survey please let Zoe know.

Speech, Language & Communication

At the heart of what we do across our nurseries is helping children develop confidence in speaking and understanding the world around them. Each child learns at a different pace and in a different way and our team are here to support them every step of the way.



To better support our children we are taking part in a county wide focus group which offers a resource from Wellcomm. Wellcomm have developed a screening tool which allows us to further assess children's speech, language and communication ability and to better target our support for each child as an individual.

The assessment is all play based and will be completed by key workers in nursery and along with our speech and language team at nursery (Zoe & Lydia) additional support will be used in our day to day routine and play.

How will we let me know about my child and WellComm?

We expect to find that many children are not falling behind in their language development. If your child is not in need of any support then your child's key worker will be able to reassure you of this.

If we find that your child needs a little extra help then we will inform you which part of their language development they need support with and how we will be doing this at nursery. More importantly, we will also be asking you to help your child alongside us by carrying out some easy practical activities at home which include songs, rhymes, games and other play activities.

Please see our web site for further information
<https://zoeschildcare.co.uk/index.php/wellcomm-speech-language-screening-interventions/>