



## **Portico Kindergarten** **Summer news letter**

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Dear parents/carers

Welcome to our summer news letter.

### **Events**

**21<sup>st</sup> June**

**The great balloon race**



The school will be holding its summer fayre. The nursery will be organizing a balloon race on the day. You will be able to purchase balloons for £2.00. The winner of the balloon that fly's the furthest will win £10.00. The balloons will be released at 3.45pm. The fair will be from 2.00pm.

The school are asking for raffle prizes, groceries, bottles and toiletries. If you can donate anything we will ensure it is passed on to the school.

We hope to see you all there.

## Nursery news

The nursery has now got a new summer menu with even healthier meals on, these include;

- Salmon, spinach and lentil risotto
- Creamy cauliflower and potato curry with chick peas
- Fish Florentine with mash potato
- Sweet and sour chicken with rice
- Spaghetti bolognaise
- Oriental fish and noodles
- Summer veg fusilli
- Couscous with chicken and roast veg.

If you wish for a copy of any of these recipes please ask myself or member of staff and we will provide you with one as soon as possible.

## Uniform

Nursery is currently in the process of having an optional uniform designed and it will soon be available for you to purchase. These will only be available in ages 3-4 years. They will be on sale from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July Sweatshirts will be £9.00 and the t-shirts £6.00.

## New non-smoking policy.

**Until now staff have been allowed to smoke off site on their breaks. However the nursery now operates a strict no smoking policy (this will come into full effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> July) it states that until a staff / student's shift has finished and they are out of nursery uniform that they are not allowed to smoke. We have been made aware that carbon monoxide stays toxic for 2 hours after smoking; this is hindering the health of the smoker and the people they come into contact with. The nursery is committed to helping the staff and enhancing their health, therefore there will be support offered and time off for appointments to help them quit smoking nursery will honour this.**

## Reminders

Can we please ask all parents to provide sun hats and sun cream? Now that the sun is much stronger we will avoid taking the children out between the hours of 11.000am & 3.00pm.

## School day session

The school day session is 09.00-15.15. We have been able to be flexible with the timing of this session. However from September we will have to be strict with the timings due to staff/ child ratios. The numbers in nursery increase to double the amount of children we have at present.

### **Front door.**

Please, please can we ask parents to ensure the front door always shuts behind you? Also please do not let other parents into the nursery. Staff only must open the door. I am sure you will agree with me that this is good practise. A copy of the door policy is now on the door; please do take a second to read it.

***Please remember that all the nursery policies are displayed in the entrance hall for you to access. If you wish for a copy of any policy I will be happy to print these off for you at any time.***

### **Baby/toddlers**

Nicola has asked if all parents of children in the baby room to please supply pictures of mum, dad, grand parents, brothers and sisters all for a recognition board.

Planning/ child development

Nursery is following the new early year's foundation stage. This follows four basic themes. A unique child, positive relationships, enabling environment and learning and development...

We have a poster displayed in the hall breaking these areas down slightly and will have a large display up with the reference cards that the staff use in each theme to ensure affective practise.

Please do look at the notice boards inside the rooms (near to the doors) to see what is planned for your child that week. These planning sheets are then evaluated each week and the children's next steps and interest are used to plan for the following week.

We also use "learning stories" these are short observations of your child. Again helping us to follow your child's interest and plan there next steps.

Please remember we do have an open door policy and any time you wish to come to nursery and sit in the room with your child or even watch them on the CCTV for a while you are more than welcome.

### **We need your help**

If any parents can help us by collecting empty containers, milk bottle tops, corks old pots and pans, pine cones, shells all would be fantastic for us to use in nursery.

### **Direct Debit**

Fees will be taken by Direct Debit for July's fees.



Attached to this newsletter is a mobile phone recycling bag and also a information letter, As we have now signed up the fones4schools campaign, this will assist with teaching the children about recycling but also help our environment as the phones are sent away to be safely destroyed of. The campaign has a good incentive and if your child recycles a phone they will receive a prize from the company.

We would be grateful if you could spread the word to family and friends if they have any phones to recycle.

### **Recipe**

#### Summer veg fusilli

Fusilli pasta  
Mange tout  
Crushed garlic  
Red peppers  
Sweet corn  
Fresh basil  
Crème fraiche  
Lemon  
Courgettes

Green beans

- Cook pasta as directed on pack
- While pasta is cooking lightly fry sliced courgettes, and peppers in a little olive oil and water to stop it sticking
- Cover and reduce heat to simmer until tender
- Add green beans, mange tout and sweet corn to pasta for last five minuets of cooking
- Drain pasta and veg keep some water aside for sauce
- Add lemon zest and lemon juice o crème fraiche and freshly chopped basil plus the reserved water to the courgettes mix
- Stir the mix into the pasta and serve

Regards

Nicole

