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### Newsletter July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow, how did the year go so fast. We are now nearly at the end of term and some children have been visiting their new school.

#### **Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who came to our summer fayre, donated unwanted bottles and items and purchased raffle tickets. We have made just over £1300 which is the best we have ever done. Despite the bad weather we managed to have fun and raise this incredible amount.

#### **Policies**

All important policies are on our website for you to view and please ask a member of the team if you would like a paper copy.

#### **Staff Training and Development**

Congratulations Vicky Walker and Clare Cartlidge. Vicky is now Level 3 SEN trained and Clare who has now completed Level 5 Lead Practitioner. They have both put a lot of hard work into their courses. We are running a Paediatric First Aid course on July 20<sup>th</sup> for some of our staff and Chapel Street Nursery at Checkley.

#### **News**

We will be holding our nursery, pre-school and after school party on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Like always the party will be free of charge and all we ask is for a £2.00 donation towards the cost of food. Please ensure you let a member of staff know if your child will be attending. Can we ask that all donations are paid by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Nursery and Pre-school party will be 9.00-3.00 and after-school 3.15-5.30.

Graduation for those children moving onto reception class in September will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30. Please let the staff know if your child is attending, all are welcome to attend this event.

Can we please ask that all fees are paid on time and that these are kept up to date. The time this takes to generate all of these and then update them is very time consuming.

If you have not already, could you please send in a copy of your child's birth certificate, we can copy them at nursery if this is easier.

On sunny days could you please send in your child with a sunhat and their first lot of suncream applied, as you imagine creaming over 20 children in a day takes time. Therefore, the children can have more time to play and the staff can help them in their education more if we are only applying suncream once in the afternoon. Thank you.

FOR SAFETY REASONS CAN ALL PARENTS PLEASE ENSURE THE GATE IS CLOSED IN THE PRE-SCHOOL AREA.

### **IMPORTANT NEWS**

The government have now introduced 9-24-month funding for September 2024. This is now open for any eligible parents to claim. This will allow you 15 hours of free childcare a week.

[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

We are currently looking for new trustee members. If you are interested in becoming a trustee for Pathways please speak to Becci or Clare and we can explain more about this vital role.

### **Important Dates**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Party day for nursery 9.00-3.00 and after-school 3.15-5.30

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Graduation 1.30

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Funding ends

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Summer Holidays

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August - Bank Holiday - CLOSED

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Funding Begins