

Little Troopers
Day Nursery

Newsletter June 2017

Dear parents,

In association with the Government Elections the Pear group had their own elections on Thursday 8th June for their new student council representatives. Over the last two weeks the children were asked to choose two names to represent their Pear student council (they could choose themselves if they wished) and the reason why they wanted to vote for them. They then posted their vote into the ballot box.

In line with the general election we announced the results of the votes yesterday. The Pear newly elected representatives are: Poppy, Isabella, Luca and Ben, many congratulations.

Student Election
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For safeguarding reasons the pictures of children photographed at nursery have been removed

Healthy Eating week – Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June

To support the British Nutrition Foundation's **Healthy Eating week**, we will be arranging lots of activities to support children and their families as to how to be healthy.

We will be encouraging the children to keep a weekly food diary with their parents; at nursery we will try a range of different fruit and vegetables at snack time, participate in activities such as making fruit kebabs, smoothies and creating flavoured water using fruits and herbs. We will also have fruit and vegetable tasting sessions.

The children will be also participating in a number of physical activities to encourage the children to exercise, to keep fit and healthy, including in the nursery garden an assault course, dancing and games. In our **Nursery Lending Library** located in nursery entrance area, there will be a number of healthy eating cookery books available if you would like to borrow them.

Bev Massingham will be conducting a presentation for parents titled '**Promoting Healthy Eating in the Early Years**' in the Lemon group Classroom between from 4.30pm to 5.00pm on **Friday 16th June 2017**.

If you would like to attend please email Nicola at info@littletroopers.co.uk to confirm your attendance.



Welcome Breakfast

To celebrate Father's Day on Sunday 18th June we would like to invite all our parents but in particular the fathers of children attending our nursery to a special 'Father's Day Breakfast' on **Friday 16th June 2017**. We will be serving a special breakfast from 8.45am to 9.15am followed by a 'stay and play' in all of our rooms until 10am.

To enable us to plan numbers for breakfast, please email Nicola at info@littletroopers.co.uk to confirm your attendance.

Parent Consultations

We will be conducting parent consultations during **w/c 19th June 2017**. The consultations are available to all parents of children who have joined us prior to April 2017. To book an appointment with your child's key person please email Nicola at info@littletroopers.co.uk. Nicola will be coordinating all the appointments.

30 hours a week of Early Education Funding for 3 & 4 year olds from September 2017

I am pleased confirm that **we will** be offering the 30 hours a week of Early Education from September 2017. Parents will be given access to the 30 hours with a limit of 6 hours of the 9-hour day. This is in line with many of the local authority schools and in accordance with the current school day.

The table below outlines in summary how the hours will be distributed and how parents will be charged:

Attendance	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Funded Hours	6	12	18	24	30
Hours parents will pay for	3	6	9	12	15

In accordance with our current policy parents will be required to pay for the additional 3 wrap-around hours, along with our daily refreshment provision.

The new policy including the terms and conditions (for the academic year September 2017 to July 2018) will be sent to all parents from w/c 19th June 2017, earlier than originally expected.

Please note that we do expect that the majority of our nursery parents will be entitled to the 30 hours of Early Education funding for their child, however parents will need to check that they meet the Governments criteria. Further details are available on the Oxfordshire County Council website.

For those parents that **do not** meet the Government's criteria, your child **will** still be entitled to the current 15 hours a week of Early Education funding.

Nursery Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent questionnaire in March 2017. As raised in our May newsletter the results of the Nursery Questionnaire will be detailed in a document along with a proposed action plan on our nursery website; this will be available to read from w/c 19th June 2017.

The results will be discussed during the next PNA meeting which we hope to arrange for the end of this month.

New Weekly Menu – Family Recipes required

On our new nursery website, you will see that we have changed our weekly menu. Firstly, Thierry has been reviewing the nursery refreshment provision to include more healthier options and seasonal produce as well as more interesting meals and snacks. We are really keen to hear from parents of any tried and tested firm family favourites you cook from fresh ingredients at home, that are popular with your children.

If you have a family dish that you regular serve and think it would be worth us considering for our nursery menu please send it to rebecca@littletroopers.co.uk. Recipes should detail the following:

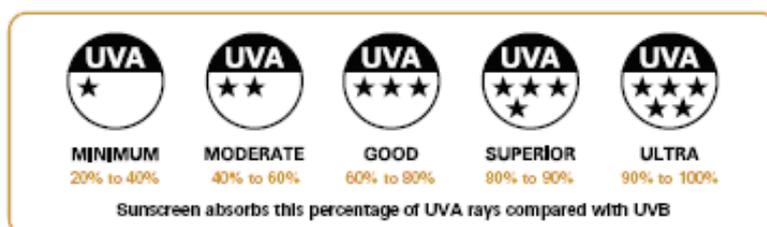
- History surrounding your dish (where it originates from), maybe a family recipe that has been passed down to you.
- A list of ingredients and amounts (normal family portion sizes are fine as we can adapt a recipe) please ensure recipes do not contain large amounts of sugar or salt.
- Step by step instructions.

The Management team will then have the terrible task of testing (and tasting – Yum!!) the recipes and picking the most suitable for our nursery menu.

Sun Tan Lotion and Sun Hats

Can all parents please ensure that they bring in a **sun hat** (legionnaire style hats are preferred as they protect the back of your child's neck) and a bottle of **sun tan lotion** for your child that can stay at nursery at all times. Please ensure these have your **child's name on them** and give these to your child's key person.

We would encourage parents to use a high factor, with a minimum of **SPF 30**, however it is important to read the back of the sun lotion bottle and check the UVA rating, **5 stars** being the highest and the best protection.



Parents are also reminded to ensure they apply sun tan lotion to their child each day **before** they arrive at nursery. We will then reapply during the afternoon session and as and when required.

Group Notices

Below are specific requests from your child's group leader, please take note and ensure that their requests are implemented.

Orange Group

Children's bags, spare clothes and nappies

Parents are reminded to restock their child's bag weekly with additional clean clothes and to also ensure that your child has a minimum of two weeks' supply of nappies. If you do wish to store a pack of nappies we do now have space to accommodate these.

Indoor shoes

To keep germs to a minimum in our group rooms, please ensure that you supply your child with a pair of indoor shoes. Shoes should have a strap or Velcro fastening to ensure your child's feet are suitably supported while they walk or crawl.

Lemon Group

Children's bags, spare clothes and nappies

Parents are reminded to restock their child's bag weekly with additional clean clothes and to also ensure that your child has a minimum of two weeks' supply of nappies. If you do wish to store a pack of nappies we do now have space to accommodate these.

Indoor shoes

To keep germs to a minimum in our group rooms, please ensure that you supply your child with a pair of indoor shoes. Shoes should have a strap or Velcro fastening to ensure your child's feet are suitably supported while they walk.

Pear Group

Sports Day Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th July 2017 from 3.00-4.30pm

Our annual sports day event will take place over two days this year in our nursery garden. Our plan is for all children to participate in lots of physical events and finish with a tea party from 4.00-4.30pm.

Children who **do not** normally attend on either a Monday or Thursday afternoon are requested to confirm their attendance with Bev on one of the days listed and are requested to pick up promptly at 4.30pm.

All Pear Parents are very welcome to join us for the event, however for safety reasons please confirm your attendance with Bev. In the event the sports day cannot go ahead due to bad weather conditions we will notify you in the morning of the planned sports day.

Wow Moments

Parents listen up! Your child is truly amazing and throughout your child's life they will make some mighty significant steps on their journey of development. Together we would like to show the children how proud we all are of these moments and celebrate their individual achievements. These are what we call at nursery our **WOW** moments.

So, if outside of nursery attendance your child has perhaps tried something new for the first time (food, drink, standing, walking, talking, using a potty), or maybe enjoyed a trip or activity please complete one of our **Wow moment notecards** and hand it to your child's key person for us to display on our **WOW Moments board**. We will use your child's **WOW moments** as a focus for your child's interest in activities at nursery.

'Parents are children's first and most enduring educators. When parents and practitioners work together in Early Years settings the results have a positive impact on children's development and learning'. Early Years Foundation Stage: Development Matters 2014

Dates for your diary

June 2017

Monday 12th to Friday 16th June 2017 – Healthy Eating week

Friday 16th June 2017 – Father's Day special 'Welcome Breakfast' and 'stay & play' from 8.45am to 10am

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June 2017 – Parent consultation meetings week

July 2017

Monday 3rd July 2017 – Pear group Sports Day from 3.00pm-4.30pm

Thursday 6th July 2017 – Pear group Sports Day from 3.00pm-4.30pm

Friday 21st July 2017 – Last day of the Early Education Funding Summer Term

September 2017

Monday 4th September 2017 – First day of the Early Education Funding Autumn Term (new 30 weekly hours).