



## Newsletter September 2019

### Introduction

Welcome to St. John's Sunshine's first newsletter of the year. Firstly, I would like to say I hope you have all had an amazing summer and to welcome back the returning children and a very big welcome to all our new children and parents. We would like to welcome 2 new staff members, Georgiie and Jan to the Sunshine team. We are all looking forward to seeing what the new School year brings to Sunshine.

### Snack Time

Please can I ask that if at all possible that we receive a donation of a piece of fruit a day, if you wish to make a bigger donation then this can either be fruit, vegetables, rice cakes and raisins for the children to enjoy as part of a healthy snack. There will be a fruit bowl out every day.

### What are we learning

This month we will be busy getting to know the children so our topic for September is All About Me. We will be talking about who is in our families and we will be drawing pictures of our family and ourselves over the next couple of weeks. This includes talking about our pets that are part of our family. If you wish to bring in photos (all named) this would be lovely for us all to share. I'm hoping that we will be able to bring in our pets but we will inform you nearer the time.

### Settling In

I have written out a new settling in form for the new children, this is information for all the new parents, but I also feel it's important for the children we had last year to also have this. You will be given this on your child's first day back at Pre school

## **Routine**

On arrival, can you please find your child's name with them and then place on the board.

Water bottles to be put on the table by the kitchen hatch and lunch boxes left on the kitchen side.

As of September, every child will have a day book with information of their day, along with a book bag, please bring this in for every session.

## **Dates for your Diaries**

27/9/19 Macmillan coffee morning 9.15 to 10.15 (normal session)  
4/10/19 Open Day 10 till 11.30 To promote the Pre-school (normal session)  
28/10/19 - 1/11/19-Half Term  
TBC- Christmas Play (not a normal session)  
TBC- Christmas Party Day (normal session everyone invited)  
20/12/19 - Start of Christmas holidays  
06/01/2020 – First Day back

## **Reminders**

Please can we ask that all children's  
Belongings are clearly labelled.  
Appropriate clothing is worn for the weather  
Change of shoes if you come in wellies.

## **Each Day I come to Pre School**

I will need.....  
A bag of spare clothes  
A water bottle  
My book bag  
My day book  
And a piece of Fruit  
**All clearly labelled please.**

## **Lunchtime reminders**

Please can we ask that if your child has grapes in their lunch box that these have been **CUT UP** for their safety.

Also, please ensure that children **DO NOT** have nuts in their lunch boxes, (No Nutella, Peanut butter, etc)

## **Contacts**

As of September, there will be no WhatsApp group. (Due to General Data Protection Regulations) For staff and parents to be in contact with one another, it will be done through email, text, and letters or in your child's day books. Thank you for your understanding, but if you do have any questions regarding this, please come and see me.

I have done a new contacts list for 2019/2020, if you could all please fill this out and hand to me ASAP, this information is very important for us to have just in case of an emergency and keeping our records up to date, all the personal information given will be confidential.

## **Fundraising Information**

As some of you may be aware, we are a non-profit, charity run Pre School, due to this we rely on donations to be able to give your children the best possible experience during their time at Sunshine. Throughout the year, we hold several fundraisers, with all money raised going back into the pre-school to provide new equipment, etc. to give your children a great start to their education.

If any parents would like to join our committee, please come and speak with Kim or Jo. We are happy for you to give as little or as much time as you can to help towards the Pre School.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kim, Jo, Annemarie, Georgie and Jan