

# Newsletter 2

Monday 25th September 2017

## In this issue:

- ⇒ **General Information**
- ⇒ **Outdoor Play**
- ⇒ **Change of Details**
- ⇒ **Children's Work**
- ⇒ **Snacks & Meals**
- ⇒ **Staff News**
- ⇒ **Toys**
- ⇒ **Ask your child.....**
- ⇒ **Wanted**

## General Information

We have now welcomed our new children and their families to our setting. We hope your child is enjoying their time with us. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions about the setting.

Any requests for changes to sessions must be received in writing or via email using [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk)

Please ensure you collect your child on time at the end of their sessions; if for any reason you are going to be late please ring and let us know.

Also, please let us know if someone different will be collecting your child. We will not let a child go with someone we are not expecting. If someone unexpected comes to collect your child we will ring you using the contact numbers provided to authorise the pick up. Please note that we do not allow anyone under sixteen years of age to collect children from the Care and Learning Centre pre-school.

The pre-school will close at 3.00 pm on Friday 20th October for half term and re-open at 9.00 am on Monday 30st October 2017.



## Outdoor Play

Remember that we play outside everyday—whatever the weather. Please send your child with suitable clothing for outdoor play. Our mud kitchens are always popular and children's clothes may get dirty, so we ask that you send your child in clothes they are comfortable in and won't be worried if they get them dirty.

A bag of named spare clothes can be kept on your child's peg.

## Change of Details

If any of your contact details change please ensure you let us know; this can be done by letter, email using [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) or by completing a 'Change of Details' slip available from the rack in the entrance hall by the door to Room 2.

## Children's Work

During their time with us your child will experience lots of different activities, some of which can't be taken home but may be photographed and added to your child's 'Learning Journey'.

Paintings, drawings etc. can go home and each room has a 'going home box' where such work is placed when finished. Please remember to check the box with your child when you collect them for any work they may have done.

Children learn from the experience of activities such as mixing paint and therefore the process involved is much more important than the end product.



### Snacks & Meals

Monkfield Park Care & Learning Centre is a nut free environment and we also promote Healthy Eating.

Children attending the pre-school are offered fruit and milk or water during their sessions.

Due to the severe nature of allergies some of the children have we do not allow parents/carers to send in snacks for children during the sessions. Also we cannot accept sweets, cakes etc. on your child's birthday to share, as the children who cannot have such things become upset and may not understand why they can't have one. If your child has any specific dietary requirements that you did not indicate on their admission form please let us know.

Children who stay for lunch receive a 2 course meal which is prepared by the school kitchen; this is nutritionally balanced and meets Cambridgeshire County Council's requirements. The cost of the meal is £2.30 per day and the menu rotates over a three week period. You can view the menu on line at: <http://www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk>

If you would like any further information about lunchtimes or snacks please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

### Staff News



We will be saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Curtis on Friday 20th October who is off to pursue a new venture. Miss Curtis has worked at the Care & Learning Centre for just over 5 years and I am sure you will all join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

### Toys

Please encourage your child to leave their own toys at home. Children become upset if their own things get lost or broken when they bring them in to the setting. Staff are not responsible for children's own toys and do not always have time to look for missing items.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



### Ask your child in Room 1.....

- ◆ About the Very Hungry Caterpillar story by Eric Carle?
  - ◆ What the Very Hungry Caterpillar eats?
- ◆ What happens to the Very Hungry Caterpillar at the end of the story?



### Ask your child in Room 2.....

- ◆ About the book Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne?
  - ◆ Which fruits Handa finds in her hat?
  - ◆ Which animals Handa meets in the story?
  - ◆ About the noises the animals make?



### Wanted!!!

If you have any unwanted metal spoons, keys, bells or other metal objects we would welcome any donations to use in our outdoor musical areas.

Please hand any donations in at the office.

Thank you.

