

# LOW HILL NURSERY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

What a busy few weeks we have all had! I can't believe that we are now in the final term of this academic year.

We have lots of exciting things happening, here are some early dates for your diary:

**Friday May 24th** Break up for half term.  
*Children will return to school on Tuesday June 4th*

Parent Consultations for all children will be held over a period of 2 weeks **beginning on June 10th**. Your child's key worker will send you your time and date of consultation over the next few weeks.

We will be taking the children out for summer visits over the next few weeks, or inviting visitors into school to enrich the children's experiences - you will receive more information about these activities soon

Those children who are leaving Low Hill Nursery to go to reception in the summer, will take part in our Graduation ceremony on **Thursday July 18th** in the Hall at the Community Association. We will be sending out the details of the ceremony after half term.

In the meantime, your child will be practising songs and spoken words in readiness for the celebration, and so that you can help them with this we will also send out links to the Makaton website where you will find the songs and signing we are working on. Ask your key workers for more details.

**Friday July 19th** School closes for the summer  
*Children return to school on Tuesday September 3rd 2019*

**Retirement.**

As from the end of the summer term, I will be retiring as Head Teacher. My Deputy, Natalie Showell, will take over as Acting Head Teacher from September 2019.

I have been Head here for the last six years and have been extremely fortunate to work with such a wonderful staff team, fantastic children, and supportive Parents and families. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family but I will greatly miss everyone associated with Low Hill Nursery School.

I am sure that Natalie will be a fantastic new Head, and that the school will continue to be an outstanding provision within the community.

**School Fund**

Can I remind everyone that we ask for £1 per week school fund to help supplement the running of the school and support all the little extra things we offer for the children? We are really grateful to those parents who contribute.

**Well Being Award**

Many of you will know that as a school we value wellbeing and that it sits at the centre of all we do with children and families.

We are in the process of continuing to work through the Well Being Award for the school as a celebration of all of the things that we do here to support this area of development. Please involve yourselves in the activities on offer throughout the school. We advertise regularly on our parents' notice board.

**Head Lice**

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. These little visitors are in school regularly! Most children will catch them at some point in their lifetime, and they are harmless as long as they are treated properly.

If you do find your child has head lice could you please treat them accordingly and inform your child's key person? This is so that we can try to stop them spreading.

**School Uniform**

We will continue to sell polo shirts and sweatshirts at the school office. They will be in the Royal blue colour of the school and bear the school logo.

The polo shirts will be sold for £5.50 and the sweatshirts will cost £6.75.

The uniform is not compulsory. It is there for those of you who require it. We will hold a variety of sizes and can order other sizes should you need them. Please see Jas or Pauline in the office.

**Attendance**

We understand that at times your child is not well enough to attend school. Should this be the case we ask that you telephone the school on 01902 558124 to let us know. We encourage you to bring your child to school on all other occasions, as it is very important for them to have continuity and build relationships with staff and their friends.

The early stages of a child's development are the most crucial. Every Friday in Nursery we will be giving out attendance certificates to those children who have attended all week. There will be prizes at the end of each half term for those children who have the best attendance. If you are experiencing difficulties in getting your child to school for any reason, please speak to us - we may be able to help!

**Mobile Phones**

You will have seen notices across the Nursery about mobile phones. Can I please remind parents not to use their mobile phones in any of the Nursery rooms? This is to safeguard all of our children. Staff will be asking you to put your mobile phones away when you enter the building if you have not already done so.

**Social Networking**

Our staff are not allowed to accept friend requests from parents on any of the Social Networking sites. This is part of the school Safeguarding Policy. I would respectfully ask that Parents do not send friend requests as they will be declined.

**Parking**

I have received a number of complaints from local residents in Jenks Avenue about Parents who park in the street whilst dropping off or collecting their children from school. Can I ask that if you do park in Jenks Avenue, you consider how and where you park and that you are mindful of how this may affect others. Thankyou.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support of the school?

Have a wonderful summer term and do not hesitate to speak with any member of the team should you need to, we will always try to accommodate you.

Best wishes

Gill and the Team