October newsletter

Dear Parents,

Hope you are all well and enjoying your weekend! See updates below for October 2020.

**Drop off and Collection –**

1. Parents must wear a mask when at the door dropping off or collecting your child.
2. Please swiftly collect your child as we would like to avoid a queue outside, and practitioners are needed back upstairs.
3. Handovers are written down and put in your child’s bag to limit any conversing between parents and staff.
4. The nursery staff will telephone you during the day if there is any important information that needs to be shared.

**Nursery Staffing -**

I am delighted to welcome Angie to Bliss! Angie will be the baby room leader, she is level 3 qualified, a first aider, safeguarding trained and much more! Angie has several years’ experience and we look forward to welcoming her to the Bliss Team.

We also have Chazelle join us who is new to team, Chazelle has just started her level 3 training and is working downstairs in our pre school room.

Ranscilia has also joined the team as bank staff, Ranscilia (Ran for short), is level 3 and will be supporting the team as an extra pair of hands on our busiest days.

**Courses -**

Morgan, Lily, Imogen and Catherine are booked onto a first aid course at the end of the month to refresh their training 😊

**Room movements –**

Thank you for all your continued support during the reopening of Bliss Nursery School! Moving forwards, we have made alterations that were due to be implemented at the beginning of the year, however, this is has not been the case as the year has not gone quite to plan! I am delighted to reassure you that our plans are now moving forward again.

As the Bliss family has grown, we are ensuring we are focussed on the children’s development and best interests in learning. Therefore, room movements are in place for October onwards.

Upstairs (our baby room) will be catering for children 3 months – 18 months old, with access to sleep beds when nap times are due, milk times and age appropriate learning activities. Downstairs, the large preschool room has been partitioned. One side of the room will cater for children 18 months old – 30 months old (2.5 years), providing a range of different age appropriate resources, learning areas and access to the outdoors. The other half will cater

for our children who are over 30 months, meaning enhanced learning opportunities, free access to toilet training, garden area and again, age appropriate learning activities.

This ensures that children have access to age appropriate resources and learning facilities, also creating a flow around the nursery 😊

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| Babies (Explorers) | Toddlers (Discoverers) | Pre School – Inventors |
| Angie – Room leader | Nicola | Rhianna – Overseeing both rooms |
| Lily | Imogen | Chazelle |
| Morgan | Catherine |  |

Your child’s key person may change as some staff have changed rooms. Staff will let you know on Monday of the changes.

I understand it is difficult that parents are not able to see the changes of the rooms – I will be sending over some pictures/videos in due course.

**Christmas closing period –**

Just a message to inform you of the nurseries Christmas closure. The nursery will be open 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursday 24th December. The nursery will then reopen at 7:30am on Monday 4th January 2021. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child will be attending on Christmas eve so staffing can be arranged – thank you.

**Winter clothing –**

Unfortunately, winter is pretty much here! The ventilation of the nursery is still in place, meaning all doors and windows will remain open during the day. Children will also continue to have their morning and afternoon garden times. Therefore, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing as it is getting a little chilly. As a reminder, having your child’s name labelled on the clothes ensures that the right items go home with the right child each day!

Thank you for your continued support,

The Bliss Team.