



Saltwood Play and Learning Centre

Term 5



Dear Parents

Welcome to term 5! I have included a feedback form for parents/carers in this newsletter and we would love to hear your thoughts on our term activities. Spring reports have gone out, we look forward to reading your comments.

Last term we focused on the weather looking at the different kinds of weather we have and how we dress appropriately to keep warm or stay cool. We also baked every day for a week for red nose day, made pancakes and Easter biscuits. We enjoyed all the stories the children brought in to share for world book day and dressing up as our favorite book character. Last term we focused on health and safety in a broad sense and looked at things like washing hands, putting coats on, keeping safe online, rules and boundaries etc.

Thankyou to everyone who bought our cakes, biscuits and bread rolls, we raised £95.00 for Comic Relief.

Staff News:

Due to the nursery being so busy we have taken on Hannah to help us on a Wednesday and Friday. Hannah has lots of experience working in the early years and we are looking forward to her becoming a member of the team.

This term is all about Animals and habitats. If you have any books/resources about this which you would like to share please let Emma know. We are hoping to go out into the community to explore and investigate this.



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Remember.....

- Check your child's draw each session to ensure you receive notes, children's belongings etc
- To bring a named water bottle and collect at the end of the day.
- Appropriate clothing—especially hats if sunny
- Check the parent notice board to useful information
- Include observations from home on Tapestry, we would love to see your half term snaps.

Funding

Thank you to all of the parents who completed their parental declarations. The next funding cycle is in September 2019 so if your child turns 3 between April and September 2019 you will be eligible for 15 hours funding. Please see the link below to see if you are eligible for the 30 hours funding being offered.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>



Lunches

Please remember that we are a nut free zone due to children's allergies so NO PEANUT BUTTER OR NUTELLA in children's sandwiches and no snack bars with nuts. Many thanks



Spare clothes

Remember to bring in spare clothes for your child daily.



Contributions

Thankyou to the funded parents who have paid their voluntary payment, these are crucial to the running of the nursery .

Pet's

As we are looking at animals and their habitats we were wondering if any one would like to bring their pet in to meet the children. At the same time if any of your children are scared of an animal please let us know.



Water

Please remember to fill your child's bottle with **water**. As we are approaching transition to school, children will be encouraged to use their bottles for a drink, and it's important that this is **water**.



Tapestry

We hope you are all enjoying Tapestry and we look forward to adding more observations of all the fun things we have planned.

Spring reports are available to view online

If you have any questions or worries don't hesitate to talk to your child's key worker and/or Jess. We can also make ourselves available to meet with you.

Holidays

If you are planning a holiday during term time we will need you to complete a holiday form. This is so we can account for your child's absence. Please ask Jessica for a form if needed.

School Readiness

Now you know your school, we can now begin to introduce strategies to prepare your children such as:
Getting dressed for P.E.
Recognising their name
Stage 1 phonics
Pencil control and mark making

EYPP Funding

For some years, schools have been given extra funding for some children who meet the free school meal criteria; this money is used to support children's individual learning. Some children in early years groups may also get this.

The funding is called Early Years Pupil Premium and we may be able to get extra money to spend on your child's learning if you are on certain benefits or they have been in care.

You can complete the form on-line yourself: www.kent.gov.uk/pupilpremium

If you prefer, we could complete the form together (in the office) and it would only take 5 minutes. All you need to do is bring in the name of any benefit you are on.

Please speak to Jessica if you would like any more information.

The money will be used to support your child so that they have all the skills they need to be 'school-ready'!

SPLC T-Shirts



We have ordered some more age 3-4 t shirts and these are available now. Talk to Emma or Jess if you would like to put an order in.



Sun-cream and Hats

As the weather is getting warmer please could you provide a labelled sun hat in your child's bag.

Please apply sun-cream to your children **before** they come to nursery if it going to be a sunny day.

The nursery will reapply after lunch on hot sunny days with the nursery sun cream. If your child requires a special brand please provide a named bottle in their bag.
Many thanks

Term Dates

Tuesday 23rd April—Friday May 24th	Term 5
Monday 3rd June—Friday 19th July	Term 6



Term 4 review for Parents/carers and children's voice

What did you enjoy about SPLC's activities/outings/planning for term 4?

How could we improve our service? Any thoughts or ideas for future plans?

Take a moment to ask your child what they enjoy or don't enjoy about nursery life and add their thoughts here.