



Saltwood Play and Learning Centre

September 2017



Dear Parents

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a great summer break and were able to relax and enjoy being with your children. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and families that have recently joined us. We hope both you and your children; like us, are looking forward to an exciting and fun filled year at SPLC.



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 have all the skills they need to be 'school-ready'!

Suncream:

We are hoping to see some sunny days in September (positive thinking) please apply suncream to your child in the morning.

If you haven't been able to do this can you please notify a member of staff so we can use our nursery suncream. We will be using nursery suncream to re apply after lunch. If you need to use different suncream in the case of allergies etc, please inform a member of staff.



Funding

Thank you to all of the parents who completed their parental declarations. The next funding cycle is in January 2018 so if your child turns 3 between September and December 2017 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/>

Unfortunately, as a result of the introduction of 30 hours Free Early Education for 3 and 4 year olds , we are advising parents that we may have to charge a supplement for snacks and other costs from January 2018 in order to maintain the high standards of our nursery. A letter will be going out to parents during the term regarding this.

Staff

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Sarah Piddock and Katie Crowhurst over the summer break. They are both heading off to new careers outside the childcare sector. We wish them all the best. Returning for the year ahead is Jessica, Kate, Luce, Sara, Kelly, Sharon and Gail.

Do you have an old wooden easel that you would like to donate to nursery? We are looking to add an easel to our art resources. Please let us know if you can help.

Spare clothes

Don't forget to pack spare clothes in your child's bag and nappies if required. We do stock some spare clothes for children however they often prefer wearing their own clothes. Remember socks. this is one thing we run out of very quickly. Due to the weather, messy play, drinks and toileting accidents all children need at least one complete change in their bag.

Email



Ensure that Jessica has your correct email address so that you can receive any important updates, news or information.

If you are concerned you are not receiving emails write to Jessica on jessica.splc@outlook.com

Tapestry

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

To all the new families once we have your completed permission form we can load you onto the system and you should receive an email to create your username and password. Once logged on you will be able to see any observations added by your child's key person.

If you prefer using your smartphone download the Tapestry app.

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.

Your child's draw

Each child has a draw within the nursery. This is for them to store their artwork and any special things to them such as toys from home etc. Jessica will also use this draw to put in any letters which need to go home. Please check your child's draw on a regular basis and use it to store anything your child may need such as slippers, and comforters. We are also implementing a self registration system this term where children will have a leaf with their photo and name which they can add to the SPLC tree on their arrival. You can support us by encouraging your child to add the leaf to the tree when they arrive. We will be making these leaves during the first term.

SPLC T-Shirts

We will have SPLC T-Shirts available for sale shortly. If you are interested please talk to Jessica and she can arrange prices and sizes. The T-Shirts are the same polo shirts that the staff wear (just a little smaller!)



Term Dates

Wednesday 6th September—Friday 20th October	Term 1
Tuesday 31st October—Wednesday 20th December	Term 2
Monday 8th January—Friday 9th February	Term 3
Monday 19th February—Thursday 29th March	Term 4
Monday 16th April—Friday 25th May	Term 5
Monday 4th June—Tuesday 24th July	Term 6

Updated Records

To ensure we still have correct personal information for each child, can you please complete this form and return asap if there are any changes.

Child's full name:	
Address:	
Telephone Numbers:	
Home:	
Work:	
Mobile:	
E-mail:	
If we should need to contact somebody and there is nobody at the above address or phone number, please indicate your emergency contacts where we should try to reach parents or another carer (stating whether relative, friend, etc)	
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Names of people who may collect your child from nursery. (Please notify us of any changes as no child will be released to an unauthorised person)	
Child's Doctor:	Health Visitor:
Name:	Name:
Address:	Phone Number:
Phone Number:	
Does your child require any other additional needs, such as: Occupational therapy, speech and language therapy etc.?(Please give contact details)	