



# The Lawns Nursery School Newsletter End of June 2020

## *We hope all is well...*

We wanted to check in again before the end of this month to see if our Lawns community were all okay. The easing of lockdown means that we are starting to see families and children out and about locally. We are also enjoying having children return to Nursery in their 'bubbles'. Some more children have started this week and we hope that they settle back into the routines. Our bubbles are now full and we are unable to accept any more children back to Nursery this side of the Summer break. If Government guidance changes we will of course look again to see what we are able to do to accommodate more children.

We are closing our current 'bubbles' on Friday 17th July and so this will be the end of term for those children currently attending Nursery. We are planning to open on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July for pre-booked appointments for those children who are leaving The Lawns Nursery School and have not returned. This will be an opportunity for those children to come and see their child's key person, collect their learning journeys and say goodbye. We feel it is important for these children and their families to be able to have some closure prior to moving on to their new schools. If your child has not returned to nursery their key person will be calling at the beginning of July to book in a time for you to come into Nursery together over those 2 days.

## *Staffing*

As we approach the end of the academic year we begin to plan staffing for September. At the moment our staffing is stable and we are really pleased that the current team is continuing next year.

We encourage all of our workforce to continue to develop themselves professionally and personally and are delighted that Miss Turner is embarking on her teacher training next year. Miss Turner has worked so hard alongside full time working to complete her degree. She is awaiting results in the next few weeks and we are certain she will have done so well!

Miss Midaoui is also starting her foundation degree so will be out studying on a Tuesday afternoon- we wish her luck with her new adventure and look forward to supporting her with this.

Groups in September:

Yellow: Miss Turner and Mrs Crewe

Red: Miss Gray

Blue: Miss Jones

Purple: Mrs Saggu

Green: Mrs King and Mrs McFarlane

## Starting School



Moving onto Big School will be an exciting and sometimes worrying time for children. 'Five to Thrive' is a helpful way of supporting your child's well being at any time in their journey through the early years. Some of the staff had training on the Five to Thrive approach a couple of years ago and we have found it a useful way to support children's emotional well being and resilience. These are the daily "Five to Thrive" points:

1. Respond "I feel scared if I get no response from you. When you look at me with kindness I feel safe. Being close to you helps me to feel safe."
2. Cuddle "When I am close to you connections are building in my brain. This will help me to start to control my own emotions as I grow."
3. Relax "If you can find ways to relax when you are with me, you can make a big difference to the way my brain works and it helps me to relax too."
4. Play. "I need you to make life interesting for me. Toys are great but the best toy in the world is you!"
5. Talk "I love it when you take notice of what I am communicating to you. It helps me feel that I am a real person who matters."

## Dates for your Diaries

Friday 17th July - End of term for those children attending in 'bubbles'.

Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July - Children who have not returned to Nursery will be invited to come and say hello/goodbye to their key person on these days. Your child's key person will call to book in an appointment for these days.

Tuesday 21st July at 11.45am - Nursery Closes for the Summer holidays.

Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September—INSET days. Staff are renewing their First Aid training during these days.

Thursday 3rd September - Monday 7th September - Nursery Closed for alternative home visits.

Tuesday 8th September - New Entrants only today.

Wednesday 9th September - Nursery opens for old children - we will stagger the entry dates for new children starting at The Lawns Nursery School to support their transition.

## Book Recommendation

A great book for those children who are moving onto school in September. Starting school is a big milestone in any child's life – not to mention a parent/carer's too! Sharing engaging stories and picture books about starting school is a great way to gently prepare your child for their first day. This amusing story in the Charlie and Lola series explores Lola's reluctance to go to school and her older brother Charlie's attempts to counter all her reasons for not going. Children who are just about to start school will be able to relate to Lola and Charlie and enjoy talking about Lola's feelings.

