

May 2023 Newsletter

Term Dates

This term finishes on Friday 26 May 2023.

Monday 29 May 2023 is a bank holiday, and the nursery will be closed to all children.

There will be **no school meals available from Tuesday 30 May to Friday 2 June** so any children attending during this period will need to bring in a packed lunch and tea if appropriate.



Term 6 starts on Monday 5 June 2023.

Daisy Room Leavers

Term 6 is traditionally one of our busiest terms especially in Daisy Room when we focus on preparing the children for transition to Primary School.

If you have any concerns about your child as they prepare to move onto Primary School, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wednesday 7 June 2023, 6pm - Ready for School Chat

We would like to invite our Daisy Room parents to attend the nursery on Wednesday 7 June at 6pm when Nicola, our qualified teacher, will be providing useful information to help you and your child with the transition to Primary School.

Ready, Steady, School

Swale Children's Centres are providing seven weekly emails that include activities and top tips to make sure you and your child are school ready.

Topics covered:

- Independent dressing
- Sleep
- Oral health
- Dummies
- Toilet training
- Preparing your child to be writing ready
- Fine motor skills
- Mark making
- The importance of your child recognising their name
- Importance of reading
- Number recognition
- Healthy lunches
- Happy transition
- First day checklist
- Positively physical
- Gross motor skills
- Obesity in children

If you would like to receive these emails, please scan the QR code or follow the link below to be added to the mailing list.

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<https://forms.office.com/r/QuBkswRHfe>



Daisy Room Leaver's Festivities

A massive thank you to the Daisy Room parents that have sent in contributions for the leaver's festivities. We are currently planning the various end of term activities and full details will be provided at the beginning of term 6.

Additional Fees for Consumables

Daisychains Nursery is a registered charity, and our only source of income is the government funding for eligible 2- and 3-year-olds and the fees we charge.

The cost of consumable items such as snack foods, wipes, suncream, messy play items (shaving foam, flour, food colouring etc), washing powder (for bedding, bibs, spare clothes etc) is continuing to rise and the donations towards snack etc have dwindled.

We have therefore decided to implement an additional fee with effect from September 2023 to help cover these costs. The fee will be £2 per full day, £1 per AM or PM session and will be added to your monthly invoices.

Please note that this additional fee will not be covered by the government funding.

Warmer Weather

At the nursery we encourage the children to play outside in all weathers and we kindly request that you ensure your child has appropriate clothing.

As the weather changes and the temperatures start to rise, please make sure your child has a hat to protect them from the sun and clothing to protect their shoulders etc.

It would also be appreciated if you could ensure that your child has suncream applied before they come into nursery, we do have a supply of suncream that we can use to top up throughout the day.

A spare set of clothes including socks is also helpful so we can change your child if they get wet or messy during the day.

Your child's belongings

Please help us to look after your child's belongings by ensuring that everything is clearly named.

Easy2Name Labels supply a range of labels to suit every need. The labels are steriliser and dishwasher proof, and you can choose from stick on or iron on labels.

In addition, all orders placed using our unique organisation code will generate funds for the nursery. Our unique code is **FR-DAISYCHAINS-90**.

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It is your responsibility to check that you have all your child's belongings at the end of the day.

Nut Free Zone



As you may already be aware some of the children currently attending our nursery have severe airborne nut allergies, therefore, to protect all our children Daisychains Nursery is now a **nut free zone**.

Please do not send your child into nursery with any nuts or products that contain nuts, this includes products like Nutella, Pesto Sauce etc.

If we discover any nuts or products that contain nuts in your child's lunchbox, they will be prevented from eating them. We appreciate that nearly every product has a disclaimer stating that it may contain nuts, and as long as the list of ingredients does not actually specify nuts these products will be fine.

We are also aware that peanuts are legumes and not nuts but as the protein in peanuts is similar in structure to that of nuts, we cannot allow any peanuts on site.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Access to Nursery

Please be advised that as a condition of our insurance we are unable to allow parents or children onto the nursery site before 07:45am.

We would also like to remind you to use the pedestrian gates and not to walk through the staff car park gates with your children.

Free Childcare

We are aware that in the recent budget the Chancellor announced the introduction of free childcare for 1- and 2-year-olds. We do not have any further information on this other than that which has been published in the press. As soon as the details have been finalised and passed to the nursery, we will send out the relevant information to parents.

At the moment the government funding remains as follows:-

Some children are eligible for 15 hours government funding from the age of 2. If you believe you may be eligible for funding for your 2 year old, you can apply online via the KCC website - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/childcare-and-pre-school/free-childcare#tab-1>



All 3- and 4-year-olds in England are eligible for free childcare up to a maximum of 15 hours per week for 38 weeks per year from the **term after their 3rd birthday**. This funding is applied automatically.



In addition, some 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for extended funding of up to 30 hours per week for 38 weeks per year depending on parental circumstances (15 universal hours and up to 15 hours extended funding).

Applications for extended funding needs to be confirmed via HMRC and can be applied for via the following websites:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/childcare-and-pre-school/free-childcare#tab-2>

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Daisychains Nursery will require your funding code (for 30hrs funding and/or Free For 2 funding), before the start of the term in which funding starts so please ensure you apply in plenty of time.

If you fail to apply by the appropriate deadline, the start date for your child's funding may be delayed.

Child Sickness

Daisychains Nursery follows the Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Other Childcare Settings which states that if a child has diarrhoea or vomiting, they need to stay away from nursery for 48 hours from the last episode. If your child has been sent home with sickness and/or diarrhoea, they will not be allowed to return to the nursery for at least 48 hours.

The Magic of Calpol

Calpol is not a cure for feeling poorly or having a cold, it just gives children a temporary pick me up much like cold and flu tablets do for adults. The child still has the illness it is just masked for a while.

Teething can be a cause of children not feeling themselves and there are things we can administer to help them such as teething gel/powder or other medicines specifically for teething. However, if they are very poorly with teething and require Calpol it is probably best they stay in the comfort of their own homes with cuddles from mummy or daddy.

Please be aware that if your child requires pain relief to get them through the day, they will be unable to attend nursery.

Fundraising

We would like to thank you all for the amazing support you continue to give the nursery. If you regularly shop online you can help us to raise funds via the Easyfundraising website at no cost to yourself.

There are thousands of retailers on easyfundraising including M&S, John Lewis, Clarks, WHSmith and The Works who will all give free donations to Daisychains Nursery when you shop with them. Follow this link to create an account and start fundraising for us -

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/daisychainspg/?referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

If you require any assistance creating your account, please contact Carole on 01795 876473 or via email: carole@daisychainsnursery.org.uk

Thank you in advance for your continued support.