

Newsletter



Summer 2022

Hello, and welcome to our middle of the year newsletter!

This year is Tiny Tots' 50th Anniversary, and we are looking forward to celebrating such an amazing achievement! This year so far, has been very busy and has given us lots to celebrate. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the many new families that have joined us since the beginning of the year and send thanks to the families that continue to support us.



With the number of children increasing throughout the nursery, we would like to take the opportunity to welcome some friendly new faces that have joined our wonderful nursery team!

Sam- Our cook.

Paul- Father of Vickie and Sirena, working as part of our caretaking team

Tasha, Ally, and Debbie- All working within the nursery and out of school areas.

We were recently inspected by CSIW, and are delighted with the outcome, which reports that there are 'no areas of improvement needed', and additionally, 'no recommendations' were set for us. We are sure that you will all agree that this is an amazing achievement.



Since 2019, we have been supporting the 30-hour funded childcare initiative, to all eligible 3- and 4-year-olds. This scheme was set up by the Government, to support working families with childcare costs. Currently, all 3- and 4-year-olds can access 17.5-20 hours of government educational funded childcare term time and 30 hours during the holidays, for 48 weeks of the year, subject to eligibility and availability. To access the funding, you must check your eligibility on the Local authority website online. Additional costs apply, contributing to the cost of meals and snacks.



We also offer Flying Start provisions, this again is Local authority funded for 2-year-olds, in certain postcode areas, you can access this provision by being referred by a local health visitor.



Tiny Tots BIG BENS Adventure Club

Big Bens Saturday club offers a range of activities, which takes place predominantly in the outdoors.

The session times are 8am until 1pm and includes breakfast and lunch.

Please be aware that children have to be in full time school in order to attend.

We are thrilled that Tiny Tots has also been based in Trelawynd school, for the past 16 years. Within the school we offer breakfast club, from 8.00am- 8.50am for £2 a session, which includes a variety of cereals, toast, pancakes and fruit to choose from. We also provide an after-school club held at Trelawnyd school or our out of school facility at Tiny Tots until 5.30pm which includes a snack and a hot meal for £9 (Until 6pm by prior arrangement £10).



Defibrillator Update

We are thrilled that with very generous contributions from parents and carers, we were able to purchase an insulated locked Defibrillator box which has now been installed on the outside wall of the out of school building, which is located at the bottom of the car park.

We are currently waiting for Save A life charity to install the defibrillator; we will then sign it up to the circuit which will enable the public and health professionals access to it 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

We would love your used clothes please!

You may have noticed that at the bottom of our car park, near the out of school building. We have a 'Dragons Bags' clothes recycling bank! Dragon Bags is a fundraising scheme that helps nurseries across Wales raise funds through textile recycling.

We will use any money raised from donated clothes to reinvest into our outdoor facilities.

Dragon Bags

Covid-19

We continue to have robust safety measures and risk assessments in place within the nursery and out of school settings, to ensure we are as Covid-19 safe as possible. We would like to thank you all for your continued support in adhering to the policies and procedures we have put in place.



We regularly review and amend our policies and procedures within the nursery to keep up with suggested guidelines. Within our behavioural policy, we state that we will publish it each year. We have attached our amended behavioural policy for your perusal.

We are fully set up and running with Seesaw, a digital individual learning portfolio. If you need your child's QR code again or need help getting set up please do not hesitate to get in touch.



family

We are making a steady transition over to 'Family' from First steps, this is electronic software, which will allow us to communicate even more effectively with parents and carers. Allowing the whole team to instantly send messages, pictures, and routine updates. We ask that during the transition over to Family, all accounts are up to date, and fees have an established pattern please, your help with this will be gratefully appreciated.



As part of our quality review and staff appraisals we set ourselves targets at the beginning of the year, that we would like to achieve.

We have been busy ticking things off this list, including purchasing wonderful new equipment throughout the nursery, redecorating the toddler area, and working on our fantastic outdoor environment and allotment area.



After reviewing our risk assessments regarding the driveway and car park areas. We need to highlight the importance of following the guidelines set out. The driveway has a '4-car rule' which states if you're 4 cars back from the front of nursery, please do not leave your car. This causes unnecessary backups of traffic at the top of the car park leading on to the main road.

When you do leave your car, please refrain from leaving your engines running.

Please utilise parking spaces where possible and do not park near the entrance gates in front of parking bays, this is dangerous when cars are pulling in and out of the gates.

Please help us to keep our driveways and car parks safe.



Please could we ask for everyone's assistance with the following-

- Clearly labelling all children's items, such as jackets, coats, sunhats, and shoes with their names.
- Arriving with a Tiny Tots bag containing, spare clothes, wet wipes and either pull ups or nappies for the day, along with a comforter if needed.
- Returning any spare clothes borrowed from nursery.
- Limit the amount of toys children bring into nursery.



Tiny Ted is a very adorable member of Preschool, he has travelled to many different places around the world, including Afghanistan and New Zealand! We will now begin sending him home again with the older half of preschool, to get up to some wonderful adventures that we can share with one another.

Ben and Kira have been attending a Forest school training course provided by Denbighshire County Council for several weeks, which is due to end very soon. We cannot wait to experience all the new skills they have learnt during their course!



Vickie and Sirena have recently attended a training course regarding the changes being made to the curriculum and are starting to implement these many changes into the running of our early entitlement sessions.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Unfortunately, we are aware that some accounts are missing payment contributions. It is very important that regular weekly payments are made towards your child's nursery fees please.

Fees were increased on April the 4th 2022, there are still many accounts that have not been amended to reflect this increase. A fees list is attached for your information. Please check if you are paying the correct tariff.

Thank you to the parents and carers that pay regularly without any prompting we really appreciate it.

SAVE THE DATE

Summer bank holiday- Monday 29th August

Tiny Tots 50th Anniversary- Saturday 9th October (Celebrations to be confirmed)

Christmas shut down period- Close Friday 22nd of December at 6pm. Reopen on Tuesday January 3rd.

Please refer to our terms and conditions regarding payments and banking days over our closed periods and bank holidays.

Thank you for your continued support, Kindest Regards, Tina x