

KLT Newsletter – September 2024

Firstly, I would like to welcome all of the new children that we have got starting with us this month!

All of you have done amazingly well on your settling ins and we cannot wait to have you properly start with us!

Reminder – Please ensure you bring back any paperwork you have been given as these are very important documents for us to have when looking after your child. Thank you 😊 xx

Training Courses

The following staff are booked onto a **level 2 safeguarding** course in September...

Amy, Jade, Lou, Ruth, Chloe M, Ruby, Chloe H, Izzy, Aleks, Ellie & Josh

The following staff are booked onto a **level 3 safeguarding** course in October...

Charlotte B, Emma & Sarah

All other staff members are up to date with safeguarding training!

Craig is currently midway through his level 5 in early years! He has some classroom assessments coming up, you will be contacted if your child is involved. Well done Craig, keep pushing on!

A huge well done to Jade who has just passed her maths exam for her level 3 in early years! One step closer now!

General Information

A very warm welcome to the lovely **Wendy** who has joined us in the kitchen in August! Wendy has over 10 years catering experience. She will be working at Shenstone (T,W,T) and Redbrick (f).

Ruth will be rejoining us from maternity leave this month! You may have seen her around recently doing some KIT days. She will officially be returning on the 2nd September, working M,T,W in Dolphins.

Emily will be changing her days from 2nd September to work M,T,W.

Kathy is now working in Shenstone kitchen on M,F.

Nanny Plum (Charon) has now moved over to Redbrick's kitchen on M,T,W,T.

Well done to **Ruby** who has passed her driving test!



Recruitment

As you may have seen on our Facebook page...we are actively recruiting! We are looking for an early years level 2 or 3 qualified member of staff to join our team.

We have got some interviews and trial shifts booked, we will keep you updated with any progress!

If you know of anybody who may be suited to this role, please point them in our direction!

Sleeping Babies & Children

Over the past couple of months, we have noticed that lots of our babies and young children are struggling to soothe themselves to sleep and are struggling to sleep in the cots, preferring to sleep upon a staff member or on a sleep mat.

Some babies are finding it really tricky to drop off to sleep in a cot and we are getting them to sleep on us and then trying to transition them from us into a cot. This mostly results in them waking up and us having to start the process again.

As I'm sure you can all imagine, this can be very time consuming and is difficult when we are working on a 1:3 ratio. Sometimes staff are settling sleeping babies for an hour a time; this is a really difficult situation as its really important that the children sleep but we also need to make sure we are meeting the needs of all children.

It would be really helpful if you could help and support with sleep soothing at home and trying to encourage the babies to perhaps fall asleep in their cots as opposed to on yourselves. We appreciate that this can be tricky as baby snuggles are the best! However, as a setting, we are struggling a little at the moment with supporting the children to have a good well needed sleep.

To discuss this further, or for more help, advice and ideas please talk to your child's key person, a senior staff member or even your Health Visitor. Thanks in advance for your help with this 😊.

New Curriculum

We are in the process of creating our own curriculum for KLTs. This is something that we are very passionate about. We have been looking into what we value, what and how we want the children to learn and how we would like our environments to look to the children.

This will all be being finalised at our staff meeting on Tuesday (3rd Sept), and then we will Blossom it all out to you guys.

The new curriculum will be short, straight to the point and easy to understand. This will be embedded within our everyday practice. We will then be updating our mission statement, which again we will forward to you all.

All Parents

We are looking for some bark in our forest school over at Shenstone. We are asking to see if anybody has any which they aren't using, or if you can recommend anywhere we can get some! Thank you in advance 😊.

We are hoping to have a Green Night for parents this month! This will be when you come into nursery when you pick your child up and can see them in their classroom! We will get back to you with a date for this ASAP!

If you would like any new uniform for your children, please get in touch via Blossom or email! We will then send you an order form to see what you would like. We can also invoice this over Blossom.

We are looking for some parents to come in and see some of the children to do some workshops. These include music, pets (if you have a litter of kittens/puppies, this would be amazing!), languages, art, exercise etc. Ages will depend on which activity. Please let us know if you, or anyone you know, could help with this!

Redbrick House

Please make sure all of your children's items are labelled! This includes, clothes, shoes, bottles, bags etc...

Lou will be on holiday all week from the 9th September.

Starfish –

A big welcome to all of our new babies! Please could you complete and bring back your home links ASAP.

Octopus' –

Well done to all of the children who have recently transitioned, you have done really well! Please could you all send us a family photo for your child via email 😊.

Turtles –

Turtles will be doing a story a day, w/c 2nd September. If your child has any dress up outfits for The Three Little Pigs or Little Red Riding Hood, they are more than welcome to dress up!

Dolphins

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Each week we have a dance tutor, Leesh, come in to dance with the children! This is on a Tuesday AM for all of Shenstone.

Youngers –

Welcome to all of our new Dolphins! You have settled really well and we are very excited to have you start with us properly! This month, we have a transport theme. We will be learning about a new mode of transport per week.

Olders –

Our September topic is all about me! Please could you send us 1 family photo for us to build our wall and talk about. We would also love if you could ask your child to draw a picture of their family for the display! Pets can be included!

Parrots

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Welcome to all of our new starters from Dolphins! You have done amazing settling in!

From September, we will be starting to send Wow's home with your children. These can be used whenever your child does anything new, exciting, e.g. brushes their teeth themselves, learns to ride their bike, gets dressed themselves etc. We will be sharing these in circle time and putting them on the display.

Our topics for September are Space and all about me! If you can, please send a few items in with your children which they love and can share with the rest of the class. Family photos, teddies etc would be great! Please make sure the toys are labelled!

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Parrots continued...

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Preschool

Please make sure all of your children's items are labelled! This includes, clothes, shoes, bottles, bags etc...

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to all of our school leavers. Thank you all for your leaving gifts, and we wish you the very best on your new adventure in school!

A big welcome to all of our new starters from Parrots! We cannot wait to get stuck in with new activities!

Our topics for this month will be all about me, where we live, my family and Autumn.

Homework – please send us a family photo for your child! Please also send an item for the letter of the week. W/c 2nd September is A, then it will be B and so forth. So for A, you could send an apple, apron, ambulance etc.

Key Children – these will be the children's choice. We will give the children a few weeks to get used to Courtney and Charlotte, and then update parents as soon as possible with who each person's key worker is.

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We have really enjoyed our walks recently! We have been down to the local police station and had a look in the police car, helped with some litter picking on the field, and even saw a fire engine! This month, we are looking forward to a visit to the church, and also a visit from a police officer (date TBC).

