

St John's Nursery Group - Redstone Lodge

Newsletter



USEFUL DATES

May Half -Term: 29th May - 2nd June
Summer Term 2 Starts: 5th June
Summer Term 2 Ends: 25th July
Nursery Graduation:
School Leavers only - 26th July
Back to Nursery: 4th September

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Looking forward to September...

Time really does fly when you work in childcare - how have we completed another full year and we're ready for the summer holidays?! It has been so nice to see children enjoying their final term of the year with us, with it being the last term ever with us for some children. It has been lovely to get to know the children more this year and see them grow and progress in their time at St. John's.

We're looking forward to September when we will welcome many children and families back, as well as welcoming some staff from the church here, as well as children from the church. With new faces brings new opportunities for fun and friendship, so definitely looking forward to it. For September, please all children remember welly boots, water bottle, sun cream and a hat (all labelled). Also, if we don't already have one for your child, please can a family photo be emailed to Lauren?

We wish Jodi all of the best for the future as she leaves us at the end of term. All of the staff at St. John's do such a great job and genuinely care for the children, so want to thank them all for their hard work this term. There has been a number of changes and they've adapted so well.

Finally, if you're out and about getting some shopping over the summer, don't forget to vote for us if you're heading to the Tesco Express Redhill (73 Canalside, RH1 2NH).

We wish all school leavers and those of you going elsewhere all the best for the future. Please keep in touch!

Kind regards,
Maz Wilkinson
Nursery Group Area Manager



We have a brilliant way to raise free donations for the Nursery!

We've started using easyfundraising, a really clever website that turns your online purchases into free donations for us, at no extra cost to you. It means you can help us reach our target really easily - simply shop with any of over 3,300 online retailers and when you make a purchase, the retailer will send us a free donation. It's as simple as that!

Please visit our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnsnursered/2utm_campaign=raise-more and click 'support us' - we really do need your support. Thank you!

MATCHED FUNDING

Some large corporations offer matched funding, where they match the donations raised for a charity. Do you work for a company that offers matched funding? Please get in touch with Rebecca if so.

If you're joining us at The Lodge, Autumn Term 1 invoices will be issued on 1st September, to be due within two weeks of that date.

Funding declaration forms will also be sent on 1st August, for children claiming FEET funding, 15 hour or 30 hour funding for 3-4 year olds. Please ensure this is returned by the start of term so the funding can be claimed for you child's sessions.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LODGE?

This month at the Lodge we have been taking part in lots of different themed activities, including lots of outdoor play. Like last month, one of the highlights for the children was using the gazebo to have lots of shade and play in a large paddling pool. Cooling off in the heat was lovely and we enjoyed some ice poles too.

The children enjoyed a forest school activity called Hapa Zome which is Japanese leaf printing. The children did so well with it and produced some effective patterns and pictures. We look forward to doing more forest school activities in the future.

The children did some experiments with colours outside, pouring different colour water into pots to see how primary colours work and what they make when they're mixed together. We also had some experimenting with a volcano outside. We were able to make it explode and the children loved seeing it.

We had a lovely morning at our graduation for our school leavers. We will miss them but know they'll go on and do so well at school.



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