



# Caterpillar News

September 2020

A huge welcome (and welcome back for some!) to Caterpillars ☺ We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and you managed to enjoy some sunshine and kept safe and well. For our new families - thank you for choosing Caterpillars for your children - we look forward to getting to know them and you over the coming months.

It would be lovely if you could give the children a family photo to bring in for our family tree.

We are now approaching the end of our induction weeks and we are really happy about how well our new Caterpillars and returning Caterpillars are settling in. ☺

Please remember, we are always here to talk about any concerns/worries or even celebrations, just give us a call.

When you drop off and collect your child from their session, please wait in line outside until you are called in by a member of staff. Currently, the line for waiting is to the left of the flowerpots by the main entrance.

It would be really helpful if every child could bring in a change of **named** clothes. (in case of any accidents.) These will need to be brought in everyday and left on their peg in a named bag. I'm afraid we cannot keep them each day (unless your child is here full time) as the pegs need to be changed each day for the changing children. Can we please ask everyone to **name** everything!! Especially uniform, coats, shoes and other clothing.

If your child is still going through the toileting process, please chat to us about it, so that we can support your child in pre-school. If your child needs to wear 'pull-ups' whilst at pre-school -let us know and please provide a named bag with spare pull-ups, wipes and changes of clothes. ☺

Please can we ask that parents consider their child's ability to take off and put on their own shoes. It would be great if the shoes they wear to Caterpillars are

as simple as possible for them to remove and put back on again - this helps them build confidence and independence. Many thanks 😊

### **Snack Time**

Thank you for all of the payments we have received already via 'parent pay'. Please can we ask anyone who hasn't yet - to sign up to 'parent pay' and pay for this term's snack. If there are any issues or problems please ring the office. You DO NOT need to bring any food or water bottles from home unless they are staying for lunch.

**New children:** You will receive confirmation with this newsletter which colour group your child is in and who their key person is.

Your child's key person will spend additional time with them during group activities. They will be responsible for most of their observations, assessments and next steps in learning. 😊

This week, we are still helping the children to get used to our routines and timetables. We will begin some small group and whole class activities such as 'Explore Time' and 'Squiggle Time'.

### **PE**

We will have PE every Tuesday morning and afternoon. Whilst we do not change into PE kit for this activity, we do take off our socks and shoes. Can we please ask that you dress your children on Tuesdays appropriately to take part 😊 Please name shoes as we are often faced with three pairs of identical shoes or five Caterpillar sweatshirts with no names. It can be tricky matching them up!

### **Important dates:**

Teacher Training days - School closed for Caterpillars

22nd October & 23<sup>rd</sup> October,

2<sup>nd</sup> November, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> July