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**Daycare Newsletter 2-3 room– May 2025**

**A very warm welcome to the Summer term at Boundstone.**

Welcome back to all our returning families; I hope that you all had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed time in the glorious sunshine spotting signs of Spring.

A very warm welcome to our new families; starting Daycare is an exciting time but you also may have some questions. All the team will support you as your child settles with us, please ask them if you have any concerns.

I wish you all a fantastic term here with us at Boundstone.

***Vikki Cripps -Headteacher.***

**Dates for your diaries:**

May Half Term we close for the week-26th-30th May 2025

We re-open for families on Monday 2nd June 2025

Monday 9th June Chris Marsden PCSO visit

Wednesday 25th June- Stay and Play sessions for families – More info to follow

Monday 30th June- 1pm Behaviour support meeting with Tea and cake.

Wednesday 9th July- Explore and Discover- this is for Children moving to Nursery School in September. You will receive an invite to come and meet your child’s new Key Carer

Week beginning 7th and 14th July - Parents evening. Invites to follow closer to the time. (Only for the children moving up to Nursery School in September)

Tuesday 22nd July End of Summer term

**Our core book this half term is- Whatever Next**

Our core book this half term is The Very Hungry Caterpillar! This is a fantastic repetitive story which aids speech development. The Very Hungry Caterpillar also teaches children about the life cycle of the Caterpillar this will cement the experience we had last term with our very own caterpillars in Daycare.



**Staffing in our 2-3 room**

We continue to advertise for staffing roles in our 2-3 room, we have high expectations to meet our children’s needs and be part of the Boundstone team. However, we are pleased that we have got a stable staffing structure to see us through the summer term. We have regular staff to give Daycare more stability and familiarity, which is imperative for our children and wellbeing of the staffing team.

**Communication and email addresses and numbers**

We pride ourselves on ensuring we are always available and approachable for our families.

Sometimes it isn’t possible to have longer detailed chats beside the normal ‘hello’ due to welcoming in children and our staffing deployment, but please, if you find yourself wanting to chat with your key carer privately, or to discuss concerns, please inform Jane or Leonie and we will arrange a time, where we are able to give you our full attention and support. This can be arranged by calling the room on 01903 276862 or emailing Jane on JBoyland@boundstonenursery.co.uk or Leonie on lmcbride@boundstonenursery.co.uk Thank you for your understanding.

**Collection Arrangements**

Just to remind all families who collect before 12pm. Please can we ask that you collect no earlier than 11.40am. We have a staff member on the gate to feedback to families, discuss any accidents etc.. however, when collections have happened earlier, it can prove difficult to release this staff member earlier from staffing ratio. Many thanks for your cooperation.

**Appropriate weather**

When considering your child’s outfit for their session in Daycare, please ensure that their clothing is suitable for the weather that day and that they will be comfortable. We really encourage our children to enjoy all experiences on offer and from time to time this may mean they will get messy or dirty. We ask that you are mindful of footwear for your child in the warmer weather, as some flimsy sandal shoes are not the safest for exploring the garden environment.

**Please do label all items of clothing.**

**Suncream and sun hats**

Please can you ensure you are putting 50+ factor suncream on your child before they attend Daycare. If your child attends all day we have a sensitive Nivia Suncream we can put on after Lunch. If your child has allergies and is unable to have this cream, please let us know and provide a labelled bottle.. In the sunny weather we do insist children wear sun hats in the garden. We do have some spare sun hats children can borrow, however if your child is reluctant to wear a hat please can you support us by practicing wearing them at home and when you are out and about. Many thanks.

**If your child is unwell**

Thank you to all our families for your continued support and continuing to keep your child at home when unwell. As you can imagine germs and illnesses can spread very quickly in an environment like ours. If your child has sickness or diahorrea, then they must be away for 48hours from their last bout. If you are unsure regarding our medicines/sickness policy, please call the room and speak with a member of staff.

**Families**

We love to hear our children talk about home and the people and pets that are special to them. If you haven’t done so already, please provide us with a family photo and a pet photo for our display boards. This helps bring a piece of home into our Daycare, especially in the early days of settling.

**Your Child’s drawer-**

All artwork, letters from Boundstone and your child’s Learning Journal live in your child’s drawer. We ask that you regularly check for any creative artwork or letters from us.

**Partnership-**

When the time comes for Jane to complete your child’s Next Steps, you will be given a ‘Things I enjoy at home’ sheet, we ask that you fill this in and promptly return it back to us. This will help to form an inclusive picture of your child where we can set Next Steps based on interests and current development.

Jane will share the Next Steps with you and ask if there is anything you want to add. We welcome comments on the form and require a signature, this is one of our ways of evidencing our parent partnership relationship. Thank you.

Many thanks for reading our newsletter and for your ongoing support. If you have any queries or questions, I am always available to chat with you

Kind regards, Leonie, Jane, Ali, Clare, Ines, Michelle, Kristine, Alyson and Chloe