

This Summer Term has been very different to the one that we all had planned for this year. We hope everyone and their families have been keeping safe and well.

For the first time ever, Whizz Kids were asked to close by the Government, prior to the end of our Spring Term, along with other settings all over the UK. We have now re-opened with limited children from 15th June to the end of the Summer Term. We have missed all of our children and missed welcoming new children who were due to join our Whizz Kids “family” and we have endeavoured to keep in touch “virtually”.

Lots of you have been sending in your photos and joining in with our suggested Teacher Challenges. Thank you for taking part in our Toilet Roll Challenge too, that was great fun! The photos that have been sent in have been a real joy for us to see and share. Lots of smiley faces and fantastic creations, using imagination and skill as your children have spent this extended time at home with their families. Your children are still learning and developing enormously being at home, not always in a “formal” way but just by spending time with each other, talking, even arguing with siblings and getting out and about within our natural surroundings. We are so lucky to have access to our local woods and country parks, with the outside environment being so important to our mental health.



Over the course of the next few weeks we will be contacting parents of children in Room 2, to arrange a time to pick up their child's Learning Journey and Progress Reports

Good Byes and Transitions!

The end of Summer Term is also a time for transitions. We sadly lose all of our **Room 2** children as they leave Whizz Kids to join their chosen primary schools to start a new exciting chapter in their learning journey. We have missed spending these last weeks with them, having to postpone our Sports and Fun Day, leavers party and other events that we had planned. As our “leavers party” and celebrations have had to be postponed this term, rest assured as soon as it is safe to do so, we will be arranging something special for all of our Room 2 leavers, so that we all can say “goodbye” and “good luck” properly. Our keyworkers have missed seeing their groups and we are sure the children have been missing each other too.

Equally, many children in **Room 1** will be transitioning into Room 2 in September. We all have to wait to see what September brings, but Whizz Kids will be here waiting to support and welcome all of our children and their families back, guidelines permitting. Children are very resilient and despite the absence of many weeks, may surprise us all with their ability to adapt and readjust to change and any “new normals” we may or may not have to put in place.

We will be emailing you shortly, asking your **preferred hours** for our Autumn Term and completion of funding forms, to be returned as soon as possible.

We will keep parents/carers informed along the way prior to Autumn Term of any changes to our policies, procedures and working practices.

Staff News

Whilst we have been away from the practical side of Whizz Kids, all staff have undertaken some personal and professional development, taking courses and taking part in further reading in subjects such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism, Asthma in Children and Adults, Behaviour Management, Makaton, Building Self Esteem in Children, Youth Mental Health and Yoga! Mrs. Deer has also been studying for her CACHE Level 3 Early Years Workforce qualification during lockdown.

All staff completed a **COVID-19 Awareness** Course during Summer Term 2020 prior to re-opening Whizz Kids on 15th June.

A Couple of Reminders!

- If your child has a temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste/smell or any COVID-19 symptoms, they should **not attend and isolate** immediately.
- If children have had sickness and diarrhoea, please leave at least 48 hours after the last symptom before returning to pre-school to help prevent the risk of infection to other children/staff.
- Please notify Whizz Kids as soon as possible if your child contracts chicken pox.



Your contributions are always welcome in this newsletter. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to include or focus on.

“Virtual” Open Door Policy As always, please remember mums, dads and carers, you can discuss any concerns or issues with Sara/Terina. At the current time, this can be done via email/telephone call prior or after your child’s session time. Your child’s Learning Journey and progress notes are also always available to look at/or discuss and contribute to.

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