

**Dear Parents**

**Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022 and welcome back to our families. We have been so impressed with how well all of the children have settled in after the Christmas break. We have had a few new families join us this year and we wish to extend a very warm welcome to you all.**

### **Parent Questionnaires**

Many thanks to the families who completed our family questionnaires before Christmas. Your honesty helps us know what we are doing right and what we may need to work on. A couple of issues were raised from the questionnaires:

**Tapestry accounts** – if you are having difficulties accessing your Tapestry account please email Heather so she can reset it for you ([heather@islanddaynursery.co.uk](mailto:heather@islanddaynursery.co.uk))

**Learning Journeys/Progress Reviews** – some parents have commented on the lack of learning journeys/progress reviews. In September 2021 the Early Years Foundation Stage was revised. A large focus of the new curriculum is for practitioners to spend more time playing with the children and helping them develop their skills and less time on paperwork. Legally we now need to only report to you when your child turns 2. However, as a nursery, we have made the decision to produce half yearly reports. Please remember if you wish to discuss your child's progress with their key person at any time please have a chat with them to book in a convenient time.

**Tapestry Observations** – Following on from your comments from previous questionnaires and in line with the revised EYFS, our Tapestry observations are now looking different. You should be seeing more observations letting you know what your child has been up to whilst at nursery but there will be less narrative to accompany these observations. These observations should act as a starting point for conversations with your children at home.

**Early Starts** – a couple of parents mentioned they would like earlier starts for their children. If this is something you are interested in, please let us know. If we have enough demand, it may be something we can do

### **New Staff Member**

We have welcomed Michaela to the staff team this month and she has been working in all the rooms to get to know all of the children.

### **Updated Details**

Have you moved house recently or changed your telephone number. If so, could you please let us know so we can adjust our records accordingly ([administrator@islanddaynursery.co.uk](mailto:administrator@islanddaynursery.co.uk)).

### **Walls**

Could we politely request that you do not allow your children to climb the low walls outside of the setting or let them run in the small gap between the walls and the building. Thank you

### **Parking**

It has been brought to our attention that some parents may not be driving with due care and attention when arriving at or leaving the nursery. Could we please ask that all drivers, drive

with extra care and attention at the nursery. Can we also request that children are not permitted to run around outside the building.

### **Donations**

We would love any donations of:

- Natural objects – fir cones, interesting shells etc
- Pushchairs that are in good condition
- Real kitchen utensils (not knives)
- Real small saucepans
- Small cars
- Unwanted rolls of wallpaper
- Unused note books/diaries etc
- Trousers/shorts/skirt aged 3/4 years or 4/5 years

### **Polite Reminders**

- All belongings **MUST** be clearly labelled with your child's name
- We are a nut free zone – this includes nut based chocolate spreads

### ***Parent Meetings***

*REMEMBER – if you wish to discuss your child's progress or simply have a chat about them you may request a meeting with your child's key person. We can do this either face to face, or via, the telephone or Zoom. They are there to help and support you.*