

Summer Term Newsletter - May 2018

It's nearly Summer

As it is getting warmer, please provide your children with appropriate clothing, sun hats and sun cream. We would like all parents to provide sun cream; preferably, that we can label with your child's name, to stay at nursery.

EyLog

We love seeing your comments about the observations and home observations, so please keep them coming! If you aren't sure how to do this, please speak to Jo and she can show you.

The children that are leaving BarBar will have the option to purchase a copy of their child's learning journey- please speak

Congratulations

Bev has given birth to her gorgeous healthy son, Phoenix on 19th May, congratulations to Bev and family; we look forward to meeting him!

Facebook

We have now got a Facebook page for the three BarBar nursery sites and you should have all received a slip regarding this. We would like you to 'follow' and 'like' us on Facebook so you can see what your children have been doing at nursery, what events are coming up and other information. Photos of the children are never displayed with their names. If you do not want your child included in the photos, please let us know at the earliest opportunity.

Session Changes

In line with our terms and conditions of giving two months' notice to cancel or reduce your child's place at nursery, we are hereby giving two months' notice of a slight fee increase- these will come into effect from 1st August 2018. This is a reluctant increase on our part but due to increases in minimum pay rates for staff and increased pension contributions from employers- both from April 2018, we have no alternative but to pass on these costs. If childcare fees are paid for purely from government grants, i.e. 2yr funding, 15 or 30 hours funding- then these childcare fee increases will not affect you. Please note that the government grants do not include the price of the hot lunch, which will be chargeable at £3.25 per day- where taken or the morning snack charged at £0.75 and the afternoon tea charged at £0.75 or the breakfast charged at £1.25.

Session prices from August 2018 will be:

Prices include meal costs	0-2 year olds	2 year olds and above
8am-6pm	£45.00	£43.00
8am-1pm	£30.50	£28.50
1pm-6pm	£27.50	£25.50

GDPR- General Data Protection Regulations 2018

We are in the process of updating our records to comply with the new data protection standard- GDPR 2018. We keep your child's and your information so you can receive important updates about your child and our nursery. We will keep your information secure and never share it except if required to do so by law.

Therefore, to comply with GDPR, we need your written permission to hold and process both yours and your child's information. Thank you to the parents who have already responded to the eyLog message sent- if you have not, please reply to the message sent through by eyLog or email or written note to say you are happy for us to hold and use yours and your child's personal details.

Our privacy notice will be displayed by the signing in registers with more information.

Parent App- OurSchoolsApp

We have just set up a new app which all parents can download to their smart phone or tablet from the app store. We share this app with BarBar at Rosary so some of their messages will be on the app too, but all information is clearly labelled for each nursery or both nurseries. The goal for this app is to simplify passing information to parents as it keeps all information in one place.

On the home page, it has the eyLog login page, our website, our Ofsted reports, our calendars with reminders of upcoming events, childcare choices, policies and other information for parents.

To download the app, search for OurSchoolsApp- the logo is green with two white arrows pointing to each other. This is free to download. Once you have downloaded it, you will be asked if you would like to be sent notifications- if you select allow, then you will be send notifications of events, reminders and new information. The first time you log on you will have to pop in our postcode- GL5 4AF and our nursery will come up the list -BarBar Nursery @ Stratford Park and Rosary. Once selected. our homepage will load for you to review. We hope you enjoy this new system.

As ever, if you have any concerns, queries or questions, please do get in touch with us. We are also very happy to listen to any suggestions that you may have- 01453-840474.

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Continued- Events and Dates

Photographer

We have the photographer visiting on Thursday 24/05/18 to take individual photos of all the children. If your child is not due in nursery on Thursday, but you would like their photo taken, then please bring your child/children in between 8.30am and 10.00am.

Scarlet House Care Home

We have created a partnership with Scarlet House Care Home on Westward Road, Cainscross, Stroud. We will be taking small groups to the care home regularly, starting with the children going to school in September 2018. The first session was last Tuesday 15/05/18 for a music session. The next session will be on Wednesday 23/05/18 for a Tai Chi session. The following one will be on Thursday 31/05/18 for a gardening session. More sessions will be booked following these. Children of all ages will be able to go; we are just prioritising the pre-school children as they have the least amount of time. If you have not returned your permission slip, please do as soon as possible stating whether you would or would not like your child to go.

Farm Trip

On Friday 29th June we will be visiting St Augustine's Farm. We will be taking a coach from Stratford Park at 9.30am returning at 2.30pm. All children must bring a packed lunch for this day. If your child normally has a hot dinner, this will be refunded onto your child's account. The cost is approximately £6.50, the company directors will be writing a letter to confirm this and give more information soon.

Stay and Play

We will be holding a stay and play session on Friday 15th June from 9.00am-10.30am. As it will be Father's Day on Sunday 17th June, we will be having a bacon butty morning for Daddies (mummies are welcome too).

Term Dates

Friday 25th May is the last day before May half term. We are closed on Monday 28th May as it is bank holiday. From Tuesday 29/05/18 – Friday 01/06/18 we are open for holiday club. Term time only children are due back on Monday 04/06/18. The last day of the summer term is Friday 20/07/18. From Monday 23/07/18 – Monday 03/09/18 we are open for the holiday club. Term time children return after the summer holidays on Tuesday 04/09/18. We have availability over the holidays so if you would like to book in any extra sessions then please speak to a member of staff or call Jo on 01453 840474.

Swimming lessons

Following from one of our staff meetings, one suggestion was to start swimming lessons with the children, especially as we are based in Stratford Park and we often see school children going in for regular swimming lessons. I have spoke to Lucy, the swimming manager about starting swimming lessons who has confirmed we would be able to take the children for lessons aged 3 years and above. The lessons are once every 6 weeks- it's a 6 week course which all would need to be paid for. Therefore, we are looking at starting this after May half term. The session would have to be the same every week as they have limited sessions available. Therefore, we have decided to have swimming lessons every Tuesday at 11.00am-11.30am starting on the week 05/06/18 ending on Tuesday 17/07/18 (excluding the week 26/06/18). The cost will be between £7.50 and £8.50 per session depending on numbers. If you would like your child to attend swimming lessons, please email or give written permission by the end of the week- 25/05/18 as we need to confirm our booking.

Toddle

We will be holding our end of year party/ Toddle on Thursday 19th July from 3.00pm-5.00pm. We would love for you all to come to celebrate the end of a fantastic year and help us raise money for Barnardo's Children's Charity.

Open Day

On Saturday 9th June, we are having an open day from 12.00pm-4.00pm so if you would like to come along then feel free and invite friends and family to see what we have to offer at BarBar, especially if they are looking for childcare!