



KLOISTERS NEWSLETTER—20th EDITION

NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



To keep with the theme of healthy body, healthy mind we have had a visit from Nicola, one of our mums who did a fun yoga session with pre-school 1 class!

By practicing yoga poses, children can learn how to exercise, develop confidence, and concentrate better.

They all thoroughly enjoyed it and Nicola will now be teaching yoga to the children at the setting from Kindergarten class upwards from September 17th which will be a wonderful edition to our already broad curriculum.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BUS :)



ALL THE CHILDREN ARE ENJOYING THEIR VISITS TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY BUS AND WHETHER THEY LIKE SNUGLING UP WITH A BLANKET, READING A BOOK WITH A FRIEND, OR HOLDING 'DANNY DOG', THEIR MINDS ARE BEING TRANSPORTED TO WONDROUS PLACES!

OBSERVATION, ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING

We have made a slight change to our observation, assessment and planning process in the setting.

We will now be focusing on "learning priorities" for each individual child which will be reviewed and updated throughout the term.

The learning priorities will be displayed in each room for you to see and ask questions about.

Please do not hesitate to ask the Room Leader or Key Workers for tips on how to aid their learning at home!

DO's and DON'T's for our private Facebook page

Can we please ask that you do not ask us to post any private advertising/absence reporting or party invites etc. This Facebook page is strictly for the use of child learning based experiences and/or important information for parents/carers to make note of. Thankyou.

'WOW MOMENTS'

WOW moment cards are available at the Reception Desk at Kloisters. These can be used to record any exciting or first moments that your child has at home, i.e. slept through the night, used the toilet/potty for the first time.

This is important to us as it enables your key worker to not only celebrate your child's achievements but also to plan future learning opportunities that are individual to them. We can then have meaningful conversations with your child that links their home learning to that of the setting.....

ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER IS 4 WOW MOMENTS SLIPS TO USE



If you wish to join our closed Facebook page, please either speak to April Jones (Senior Supervisor) or Nikki, or make a request to join through 'Kloisters' on Facebook.

We post daily activities that the children have been involved in, video's of the children playing or simply celebrating their birthdays for parents/carers to see, as well as relevant EYFS and Health and Safety information and links to useful documents/policies.

IF YOU DON'T JOIN, YOU WILL BE MISSING OUT!

Absent Child Policy

If your child should be unable to attend our setting on their nominated day we would ask that you call us to give an explanation by phone or email. If we do not have an explanation of absence we will endeavor to contact you that day. (This is in accordance with the Children's Act 2004.)

The vision and aims of Kloisters Kindergarten are:
• Encouraging staff, parents/carers and children to maximize the learning experience in order that all children reach their full potential.

• Providing clear procedures for involving parents/carers relating to nursery attendance.

TOYS FROM HOME

Please, please, please do not let your child/ren bring toys or Teddies from home. They run the risk of going missing or being broken. We have plenty of toys to play with at the setting and things to keep your little one happy!

If your child/ren bring anything in from home, it will be removed and placed in their bag on their peg or held by the Room Leader for collection when your child goes home

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER that

Parents/carers are able to submit pictures and video's to their child's observation record through the 2Simple programme. This enables us to work in partnership to improve and develop your child's learning experiences. All you have to do is reply to your 2 weekly email with any pictures/videos and comments about the exciting learning experiences your child has had at home. If you have any problems with this system, please see April or Nikki.....

WE ALSO STILL HAVE SOME PARENTS/CARERS THAT HAVE STILL NOT ACCEPTED THE 2SIMPLE EMAIL TO JOIN. YOUR CHILD'S RECORDS WILL THEREFORE NOT BE SENT.

www.kloisters.co.uk
VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

**KLOISTERS KINDERGARTEN
ARETHUSA ROAD
ROCHESTER
KENT ME1 2UR TEL:01634 880298**



Kyron and Freddie are modelling our new Kloisters legionnaires' caps so that every child will have a hat to use whilst at nursery when playing in the sun! Therefore, you are no longer required to supply your child with a hat.....

CAN I PLEASE REMIND YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT A PAIR OF WELLIES, A WARM FLEECE/COAT AND OR SNOW SUITS/TROUSERS ARE ALWAYS KEPT AT KINDERGARTEN TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD CAN GO OUTDOORS IN ALL WEATHERS. THIS WILL MEAN THAT YOUR CHILD CAN EXPERIENCE WHAT THE OUTDOORS HAS TO OFFER. PLEASE ALSO MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.

THANKYOU

Important Note

Gentle reminder that ALL fees MUST be paid weekly or 1 month in advance.

If fees are not paid then your child's place will be forfeited and given to a child on the waiting list.

It's always holiday season, so please make sure you let

Nikki/April know at the welcome desk about any

upcoming holidays so that they can be entered into the holiday book. It enables us to cancel hot lunches etc and obviously be aware as to why your child is absent from nursery.

ALL childcare fees MUST be paid in advance before your child's holiday to secure the place on their return.

Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY>>> TERM DATES

Summer Term (2018)

Finish Friday 17th August 2018

Autumn Term (2018)

Return Monday 3rd September 2018

Finish Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term (2019)

Return Monday 7th January 2019

Finish Friday 5th April 2019

Good Friday 19th April 2019

Easter Monday 22nd April 2019

Summer Term (2019)

Return Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Finish Friday 16th August 2019

Autumn Term (2019) (subject to change)

Return Monday 2nd September 2019

Finish Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term (2020) (subject to change)

Return Monday 6th January 2020

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO USE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO ASK FOR TERMDATES. THESE ARE ALSO PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE www.kloisters.co.uk OR ALTERNATIVELY ASK FOR A POCKET SIZE COPY AT THE RECEPTION DESK

KLOISTERS KINDERGARTEN HEALTHY EATING SPECIALIST SETTING

As you are all aware we were awarded the "OUTSTANDING FOOD AWARD" and a "HEALTHY EATING SPECIALIST SETTING AWARD" in May 2016. This has now been replaced with the HEY Award (Healthy Early Years Award) and we are just about to embark on a new exciting journey to hopefully gain this award for the setting. We will update you in due course when we have further information.....

In order for us to monitor the food and drink in the setting we provide the children with their own water bottles for use during the day as well as the children having the opportunity to prepare the wholesome snacks and eat from our Healthy Snack menu's on a daily basis. Healthy Roots supply all of our hot lunches for those that pay for them and they are linked to the same scheme as us, therefore all the meals are healthy and nutritious.

All Snack Menus and Healthy Roots Menus are on display in our Lobby and by the welcome desk so that you can keep a breadth with what your child/ren are eating as well as being published on our facebook page on a bi-weekly basis.

With regards to packed lunches that you as parents/carers provide, you MUST make sure that the food that you are giving to your child/ren whilst at the setting is of a similar standard. It must be wholesome, nutritious and healthy. If you receive a Packed Lunch leaflet in your child's lunch box and/or your child's Room Leader speaks to you, this is only to help provide you with ideas on how to provide a healthy packed lunch.

If your child/ren continually attends the setting with an unhealthy packed lunch then we will have no choice but to remove the food and hand the items to you when you collect your child. All children also have a toothbrush that stays at the setting and they all brush their teeth after lunch on a daily basis so that your child/ren receive an all rounded healthy experience whilst at Kloisters.

At Kloisters we are committed to giving your child/ren the best possible start in life, therefore we ask that you work with us to make this happen.....

If you would like to get involved in sharing your ideas for our Snack Menu's, any ideas will be gratefully received as we also ask the children what they do and do not like to make sure that their voice is heard.

[TRI FOR YOU website](#) is for a Better Medway and it has lots of healthy lifestyle and eating tips for the whole

family. Take a look and also visit [change 4 life](#) for lots of everyday food and recipe ideas as well as food facts and recipes or alternatively download the app from the Apple Store to your device.

We are here to work with you to make the setting the best it can be for all of our children, so if you do have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to ask and if we do not have the answers we will endeavour to point you in the right direction.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Do you fancy being a Lunchtime Assistant for 1 hr per day at the setting between 12.15 p.m.—1.15 p.m.

Hourly rate of pay is £7.83

Purpose of the job: To work as part of a team under the direction of a Room Leader and the Manager. To provide safe, high quality education and care for young children which meets the individual needs of the children attending the setting at lunchtime.

Safeguarding requirement: Kloisters Kindergarten is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. It is a requirement of all staff that they share this commitment and follow the prescribed policy and procedures to continuously promote a culture of safeguarding across the whole organisation.

Main duties:

1. To supervise and encourage the children to eat.
2. To serve and cut up hot lunches where required and to cut up fruit (e.g. grapes) where required in children's packed lunch boxes.
3. To help feed the little ones if necessary.
4. To ensure that children are kept safe and that you understand when to follow child protection procedures.
5. To clean and Hoover/mop the classroom afterwards and to make sure that the classrooms are available in a timely manner.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT NIKKI BROMLEY OR APRIL JONES

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR KLOISTERS, TAKE A LOOK!

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER — 9.00 a.m.— 12 noon (invitations to follow)

We are very excited to announce that our Pre-school 1 class is being the first to visit 'Huckleberry Farm'. The owners are going to open early just for Kloisters and we will have sole use of the orchard. With none of the usual hustle and bustle, a two hour visit to Huckleberry Woods provides a smaller, more relaxed and personal experience for young and young at heart. A charming, rustic, low tech, family-run experience, a million miles away from the commercialism of other days out.

Based just minutes from Faversham, the Huckleberry Woods adventure is like no other.



FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER — 9.00 a.m.— 12 noon (invitations to follow)

PRE-SCHOOL 2 CLASS

WATCH THIS SPACE AS IN DUE COURSE WE HOPE TO TAKE OUR
KINDERGARTEN CLASS FOR A VISIT

FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER — 9.15 a.m.—12 noon (invitations to follow)

FOREST-SCHOOL TRIP FOR PRE-SCHOOL 1 CLASS

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER — 9.15 a.m.— 12 noon (invitations to follow)

FOREST-SCHOOL TRIP FOR KINDERGARTEN CLASS

TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER — 9.15 a.m.— 12 noon (invitations to follow)

FOREST-SCHOOL TRIP FOR PRE-SCHOOL 2 CLASS

MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER—9TH NOVEMBER — (flyer to follow)

D E PHOTO'S PHOTOGRAPHY WEEK

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER — 9.00 A.M.—10.30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS THEMED STAY AND PLAY EVENT (invitations to follow)



WE ALSO HAVE SOME SPACES AVAILABLE FOR 2 YRS UPWARDS TO JOIN OUR BALLET CLASS THAT IS HELD AT THE SETTING EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 3.00—3.30 P.M. AND 3.30 P.M. TO 4.00 P.M. WITH TARA.

JUST ASK AT RECEPTION IF YOU ARE INTERESTED