

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2019

SEPTEMBER '19



We extend a warm welcome to all our new children & families joining TreeTops.

SECURITY

There have been a number of occasions where parents have been leaving our green gate from the car park open. Please can you ensure that you shut it behind you (it needs a slam).

Please do not feel put out if we remind you as this is for the security of all children at TreeTops.

Children should be not given the code for the gate and open it, even if they are with a parent.

Please also check our front door is closed behind you on entering and leaving.

Staff will also be reminding parents about this.

After School Snacks

As we now have a larger kitchen we can increase our range of snacks provided. When the weather gets colder we will be providing hot food such as pasta and sauce, beans on toast and soup. Portions will be small and not intended to replace your child's evening meal.

Reminders

Please:

- Remember to sign your child out every session.
- Let us know if any contact numbers need updating.
- If your child will not be attending for any reason please let us know as soon as possible. You may leave a message on our answerphone or text our mobile 07414 007 112.

October Half Term & Christmas Holidays

- October half term booking forms and the PD Day on 25th October are now available. We have an exciting day out at the Arthog Outreach Centre!
- Mereside School has a PD Day on Friday 20th December, we will be open for the day. St Giles's term ends on this day and we will offer our usual after school collection.
- We re open on Monday 6th January 2020.



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LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all items belonging to your child are NAMED, including shoes as children are required to remove them before going into the TV area. It is also important during holiday attendance as children will be wearing their own clothes and these may not be named like school uniform. Items such as hoodies, sweatshirts, cardigans etc that can be removed should all have a name in. Unnamed lost property will be recycled if not collected at the end of each term or holiday.

HMRC, Childcare Vouchers & Payments

- Several parents have received letters requesting proof of child care fees paid. It is advisable that you keep your invoices as evidence.
- We are unable to provide duplicate invoices but can, if necessary, provide a 12 month history of payments.
- If you are paying us by voucher payments or internet banking, please use your child's surname as a reference. Other types of tax payment schemes will allocate you an account number which we will need to know this so we can cross reference it with payments received.

Changes to Fees: Effective from 1st November 2019

We try very hard to keep our prices affordable and competitive and before and after school fees have not increased for over two and a half years and holiday fees have not increased for 7 years.

However in order to keep up with the increase in living wage, compulsory pension contributions and provide an excellent standard of childcare and equipment; we are increasing our fees for after school sessions. Fees for breakfast club and holiday care will not be increased.

For existing, registered Mereside children we will be absorbing the cost of the change to the timings of the school day and parents can continue with existing collection times for the same session cost. This means if you were paying the 'up to 2 hour' rate you will be charged at the new 'up to 2 hour' rate but may still collect at 5.20pm/5.30pm so you will be receiving the extra 10 or 15 minutes at no extra cost. Please ask Julia for further clarification if you are unsure.

After School

Up to 1 hour - £10.00

Up to 2 hours - £10.50

Up to 6pm - £11.00

A new sibling discount will also be introduced. 5% on the second child's fees if you have 2 children attending for a full week before and after school.