

September 2018 Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely summer break. We wish a very warm welcome to all our new families. To help the children settle into Puddleducks, they will have the opportunity to take part in lots of fun activities to encourage them to make new friends, learn to share and take turns, and build in confidence. Please find attached Medium-term plans for more information about how we will be supporting the children's learning over the next term, and useful suggestions of activities you can do at home.

Key Groups

Please find attached list of key groups (also useful for writing party invitations and Christmas cards!) You will have the opportunity to chat to your child's key person at the end of each session. A more formal parents/carers evening will be held on Tuesday 30th October, more information to follow nearer the time.

Summer maintenance work

Puddleducks has had a busy summer having a fresh coat of paint and a general deep clean throughout. We have also had some new outdoor storage created enabling us to dispose of the old shed. This has opened up the playground space, providing us with the opportunity to extend the Astro turf to give a lovely spacious area for the children to play with the large construction materials. We have also ordered a fantastic new large sand pit, some PVC strips for the back door (enabling free flow access to playground even on chilly days) and created a woodwork bench with the funds raised from our toy sale in July.

Kitchen refit

We have now ordered our new kitchen (thank you to BenchMarx kitchens for giving us a very good deal!). The work will take place during October half term. Thank you so much to the parents/carers who supported last year's fundraising events which enabled us to finance the work. We will be asking for some volunteers to help us take out and dispose of the old kitchen and help with the final painting and cleaning of the new kitchen on the weekends of 20th and 27th October. Please let us know if you would be able to offer some time to help.

Keeping up to date

Puddleducks will issue a newsletter to parents/carers each month, and we may also email you with special news and events when needed, so please do check your emails frequently so you don't miss out on important information. We have provided each parent/carer with a paper copy of our newsletter for this month only. Further newsletters will be sent via email, so if you rarely check your emails or would prefer a paper copy, please do let us know. Please take time to read the notice boards and check the outside notice board for committee news and events. Please also 'like' our Puddleducks FaceBook page and check the website for more information about Puddleducks.

DIARY DATES

First day of term 1
Tuesday 4th
September

Photographer
Thursday 27th
September

End of term 1
19th October

Parent
volunteers
needed
20th and 27th
October

Monday 29th
October
Inset day (no
Puddleducks)

Parents /carers
evening
Tuesday 30th
October

Photographer

Our photographer, Leigh Hibbs, will be visiting Puddleducks on Thursday 27th September, from 8.45-10.30am. All children will be photographed, but there is no obligation to buy the photos. If your child does not attend on this day, or you would like to have siblings included in the photo, please let us know and we will arrange a time for you to pop in.

Puddleducks A-Z and Policy document

We will be emailing you all a copy of our Puddleducks A-Z, which has been developed to give you all the information you need to know about Puddleducks and how we meet the requirements of the EYFS in one easy to read document. We will also email you our full Policies and Procedures document for your information.

Term dates September 2018 – July 2019

Please find attached term dates for this academic year.

Kind regards

Sarah, Leibe, Pauline, Sue, Fiona, Julie and Louisa

Committee News

Hello

Thank you for choosing Puddleducks, please look out for the letter in your child's tray with more details about the role of the committee.

Our Committee for 2018-2019

Name	Role
Emily Coward	Chair Person
Kirsty Allen	Treasurer
Alexandra Burner	Secretary
Vicky Clarke	Child protection champion
Kirsten McBryde	Fundraiser
Emma Turner	Fundraiser
Sarah Ireland	Manager and Co-opted member

Coming soon...

We will be hosting our popular Chilli and band night in October/November (date will be announced soon). It's a great night with some great raffle prizes so please buy a ticket and join in the fun!

It is never too late to join the committee! Please look out for regular emails, letters and notices from us.

Many thanks

Emily, Kirsty and Alexandra – Trustees of the Committee

