



July 2016 Newsletter

STEPS 1

Kiddywinks has just achieved Steps 1 of the Quality Assurance Scheme run by Calderdale, North Yorkshire & Hull. Well done to the Kiddywinks Team!

Steps to Quality is a quality assurance scheme. The scheme covers areas such as play, care and inclusion, environment, management, training and development and relationships.

Please take a leaflet from the staff which explains the Steps process in more detail. We will be signing up to start Step 2 in September!

New 20 funded hours

Ahead of the introduction of 30 hours in September 2017, Kiddywinks has launched a new incentive. Every funded child from September 2016 will receive **20 hours** of funded free care rather than the usual 15 hours. This will last for one year, until September 2017.

This applies to all 2, 3 and 4 year olds which are eligible for the standard 15 hours funded childcare.

Please share this news with your friends and family as the extra 5 hours could be very handy!!

Please speak to Jo for more information

Staff Changes

In May our new apprentice called Daryl Wainwright, joined the Kiddywinks team. He has had a very warm welcome from the children that have made him a personal favourite already!

If you haven't met him, please ask one of the staff to introduce you. He is not shy!

Recent news at Kiddywinks

Thank you for your patience while the outdoor area was out of use. The outdoor area is back in use and looks almost new!

A reminder about the recommend a friend offer of £50 Love2Shop vouchers. Please tell your friends about Kiddywinks!

Diary Dates

Friday 15th July 2016 – End of term EEF

5th September 2016 – First day of term EEF

14th October 2016 – Nursery Closed, Staff Training Day

21st October 2016 – End of term EEF

24th October 2016 – First Day of Half Term EEF

28th October 2016 – Last Day of Half Term EEF

31st October 2016 – First Day of Term EEF

16th December 2016 – End of term EEF

16th December 2016 – Christmas Jumper Day

23rd December 2016 – Last day nursery open before Christmas

28th December 2016 - Nursery closed for Christmas Break

3rd January 2017 – Nursery back open

EEF Term dates

Funded weeks

We were given 12 weeks of funding for the summer 2016 period between 1st April-31st Aug, so our funding weeks were 11th April-27th May (7 weeks) then 13th June-15th July (5 weeks) but we have 14 weeks of funding for the Autumn funding period, so we only have 1 week half term in October.

Parent Meetings

At Kiddywinks we will continue to aim to get parents involved with their child's progress. Once again, we would like to introduce the parents meeting option. If you do not have time when collecting your child to speak to the Key Person then please arrange another time which can be done via Skype also if that is easier.

Please speak to Jo for further information.