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Octopus

Children’s Daycare

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**Welcome back**

A huge welcome to all of our new children and parents and a huge welcome back to all of our existing parents and children!

Once again – we thank you all for your patience and are really happy that the children have all settled in so well and quickly. Don’t forget to regularly check Tapestry for what your children have been doing with us whilst they are here. Tapestry is always an excellent, fast and direct route for getting in contact with your child’s keyworker too and invoices and balances are on the most recent update. If you haven’t already followed through the subscription email or need a hand in getting on there, please ask either Hannah or George.

Some positive staff changes – Phoebe is now a fully qualified Level 3 in Childcare after passing her apprenticeship and Donna has recently graduated gaining a BA Hons in Early Childhood. We are immensely proud of both of them!

The children may have been talking about our new play area in the garden. We have revamped one of our sheds and this has proved a popular under cover home corner activity area with a sofa to chill out on (as Boris the cat has found out!)

Please don’t forget our library books. The children have proven that they love a good story. We have a selection of books for you to borrow – please have a read and return them and choose another for next time.

Letters have been sent our regarding joining our committee. If you have any questions, please ask!

We have listed some dates for your diary below. We are happy to support Children in Need this year and will be sending out a separate letter on how you can join us on Friday 15th November for a bit of charity fun.

**Dates to Remember:-**

* **Monday 30th September – Applications open for school**
* **Friday 18th October – last day of half term**
* **Monday 4th November – return from half term**
* **11-15th November – Nursery Rhyme Week**
* **Wednesday 13th November – individual photos**
* **Friday 13th December – Nativity**
* **Friday 20h December – Christmas Party and last day of term**
* **Monday 6th January 2025 – return for Spring term**

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**CLOTHING**

With the lovely British weather giving us four seasons in one day, please could you send in appropriate clothing which they can keep in Daycare. We are happy to store them here including hats, gloves, waterproofs and wellies so that the children can also have outdoor play. Make sure that **everything** sent in including water bottles and lunch boxes etc. it is all **named**! Thank you

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

The platform for School Applications opens on 30th September until 15th January 2025. For those starting school in September 2025 – please do not forget to apply. All information on how to do so is on the Somerset Council website and please see the posters regarding open days at Burnham Infant School

**INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**

We have booked a photographer to take individual photos on the morning of Thursday 13th November 2024

More information to follow and great for Christmas presents!

Please also don’t forget to update us with any personal contact details, allergy information or changes in who can collect.

**COMMUNICATION**

Our preferred methods of communication are face to face, **Tapestry** email and Facebook. Please could you ensure that you have requested to join to the group Octopus Parents and Carers Info Page for updates and important mass communications. Please ensure that you mark us as trusted senders on your emails and have subscribed to **Tapestry**.

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**LUNCHES and ALLERGIES**

Don’t forget that we can provide freshly prepared delicious hot lunches. If you haven’t already been issued a menu, please ask for one. A two course lunch is £3.25.

Whilst packing packed lunches, please ensure that you provide a healthy balanced lunch. Due to allergies in the setting, please ensure that there are no nuts or nutty spread, we have been advised that popcorn is not suitable due to it being a choking hazard and cherry tomatoes and grapes are to be chopped lengthways once again, to avoid potential choking. Thank you.

**CAR PARK**

Please note that the car park is for staff and disabled visitors only.

Even if there are spaces free, please park on the road whilst dropping off or collecting yourchild**.**

**INVOICES**

Invoices can now be accessed on Tapestry.

If you are invoiced for childcare, please do not forget to pay on time. Thank you!

**Health Reminders**

**CALPOL –** if you have administered Calpol to your child in the morning, please do not bring them in. Although Calpol aides symptoms, it could also mask the effects of others (such as COVID) and we would therefore for the safety of our staff and children, respectfully ask you to keep the children at home until they are better.

Traditionally - it’s sickie season. Please remember that if your child has sickness and diarrhoea, you will need to keep them off for 48 hours after their last bout of illness.