

Starting School in September?

Please let us know your last day of nursery if your child starts school in September.

Clothing and Hats

Please remember to label all clothing and hats clearly with your child's name. We have attached order forms from the My nametags company as many parents have recommended them. Please remember to bring in a sun hat every day for your child during the summer months.

Collecting Your Child

A reminder that our collection times are 12.45 or 5.30. Should you wish to speak to a staff member, please kindly arrive before these times to allow staff members to finish their shifts on time. When attending the afternoon sessions, please arrive no earlier than 12.45pm as we are not permitted to exceed our registered number of children.

Staff News!

Congratulations to Louise and Kevin who recently tied the knot in Italy. In true jet-setting style, they will be touring the globe for six weeks this summer. In Louise's absence, the nursery will be managed by Alison Wolke (Shoreham Nursery Manager) and Vashti Dawe.

Congratulations are also due to CJ and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Lexi Brooke who arrived on 10 July.



Five Star Award

The nursery has again achieved the 'gold' standard by Brighton & Hove City Council for food safety and hygiene, well done to all staff involved.

Fees

Fees are payable on the first day of each month, please pay promptly as late payments make it difficult for us to pay our staff on time. Please be aware that you will be unable to leave your child at nursery if fees are not paid on time. Should you have any problems, please contact Louise before the first day of the month. If paying by voucher or BACS, please use your child's name as the reference so we know who the payment is from. Many thanks.

Children's Parade

A big thank you to all the parents who helped make the day a huge success. A great time was had by all and we look forward to celebrating with again you next year. Photos from the parade can be viewed on the Gallery page on our website – www.sunshine-nursery.com



Vashti Dawe - Nursery EYP

Vashti Dawe is the nursery's Early Years Professional (EYP). Vashti has a teaching degree and completed her post-graduate training in Early Years in 2007. Vashti was among the first EYP's to gain the status in Brighton and Hove. All learning and development across Sunshine is lead by Vashti and she is responsible for working with our practitioners to ensure best practice is delivered in our childcare. Vashti also works closely with senior management and is responsible for Quality, Continuous Improvement, Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Equalities. Two of the current projects Vashti is working on are detailed below.

Information on Progress Updates

At Sunshine we have a 'Progress Update' sheet which the Key Person will complete three times a year for your child. The Progress Update sheet is where the Key Person will note your child's special achievements and decide what age bands they is working at within each area of Learning and Development of the EYFS. This information is used to chart your child's individual learning journey throughout their time at Sunshine. It is also invaluable for the Key Person to be able to identify how they can best support each child's individual learning. The Progress Update sheet is kept in each child's individual folder and is shown to parents/carers at Parent Evenings. Please feel free to ask to see your child's folder at any time.

Every Child a Talker' Project

- Sunshine Day Nursery is lucky to have been selected as one of only twenty settings across Brighton and Hove to take part in the Every Child a Talker Project from April 2010 to April 2011.
- Every Child a Talker (ECAT) is a National Strategy in Early Years and aims to strengthen the language and communication skills of children from birth to five years in Early Years settings.
- Vashti has been selected as the Early Language Lead Practitioner (ELLP) to coordinate the project at Sunshine. She will be undertaking training throughout the project to support children, practitioners and parents in developing children's language and communication skills.
- We will be closely supported throughout the project by two ECAT Early Language Consultants, Darren Heatley and Clare Pimenta. They will be focussing on improving the knowledge and confidence of practitioners and parents, and supporting us in developing imaginative ways to work together.
- Every Child a Talker is supported by a wide range of partners including Speech and Language Therapists, the Library Service and Oral Health Professionals.
- If you have any further questions about ECAT please ask Vashti or Louise or visit www.nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/node/153355 for a copy of the National Strategies document.