

Puddleducks

Pre-School SALISBURY



PUDDLES PAGES

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We are all looking forward to Spring! The daffodil bulbs the children planted back last year have grown beautifully and we are waiting for the buds to bloom. The buds on the trees are starting to show and you never know the weather may decide to start to embrace spring too!! In the meantime, it's still rather breezy and wet, so please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing.

We have chicken eggs in the incubator.... They are due to hatch around 15th March! Keep an eye on FB and tapestry for chick updates! We are excited to add to our chicken collection, as sadly we have lost a few chickens to old age over the past few months.

We have been spending some time as a team looking at our Ethos and our Values. We have updated them both and we are sharing them with you below.

We hope you will agree, they very much describe Puddleducks and what we want for all the children and families who are a part of our community.



Puddleducks Ethos

To enable children to grow their self-esteem, be aware of, and value their uniqueness and feelings, and those of others.

To provide a nurturing environment where all families belong, where everyone feels loved and respected. Where happiness and joy are embedded in everything that we do.

To encourage their independence, imagination, creativity and curiosity, alongside a love of nature, enabling them to take their place in society as happy, confident individuals.

Our Values

Compassion

Creativity

Confidence

Independence

Good Humour

Happiness

Imagination

Nurturing

Joy

Teamwork

Love

Uniqueness

Respect



Term Dates

Last Day of Term 4: Friday 31st March

First Day of Term 5: Monday 17th April

TD Day: Tuesday 2nd May

Last Day of Term 5: Friday 26th May

Parent Chats

You will have had a slip to complete and send back in to request your time preference for parent chats.

Monday 20th March 6-8pm

Please return the slip by Friday 3rd March.

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

The day that parents often dread! Many of us have had that panic of what on earth we are going to dress our child in, some of us have had the panic of what we are going to wear ourselves....

How much will it cost to buy a new outfit, they won't want to wear it anyway. I don't have the time to make one... and so on!

This is not what the day is about for us! We do not want to add an extra stress to your life.

It's all about having a **love of books**. Not the frustration of a costume!

If your child has an outfit/costume, they want to wear and you are happy for them to wear it to Puddleducks (and potentially get a little muddy & painty!) then that's absolutely fine. But please don't make specific effort.

We will be having lots and lots of book and story themed opportunities throughout the day. Encouraging lots of exploring books fiction and non-fiction.

Maybe you could read an extra story at home this week.



www.thecuriosityapproach.com

EXCITING!!!

We are super excited to announce we have joined the Curiosity Approach Accreditation.

Much of what we do at Puddleducks already links into the Curiosity Approach. It fully supports our views and ethos on what we want children to experience during their early years and how we want them to experience it.

Key Features of the Curiosity Approach

The idea of children using loose parts rather than a specific plastic toy that can only be 1 thing. Such as a plastic rocket can be.....a plastic rocket, but cardboard tubes could be a rocket, a telescope, a tunnel slide, binoculars, a bridge etc etc.

We will be asking for you to collect any loose parts too, so we can increase our collection!

Setting should be far more like an extension of the home than a mini traditional school classroom.

Children to be able to explore outside and have the opportunity to develop a love of nature

Children lead their play and therefore their learning
And so much more..



They have a wonderful Facebook page and Instagram account... 'The Curiosity Approach' which you can see lots of ideas and theories behind the approach.

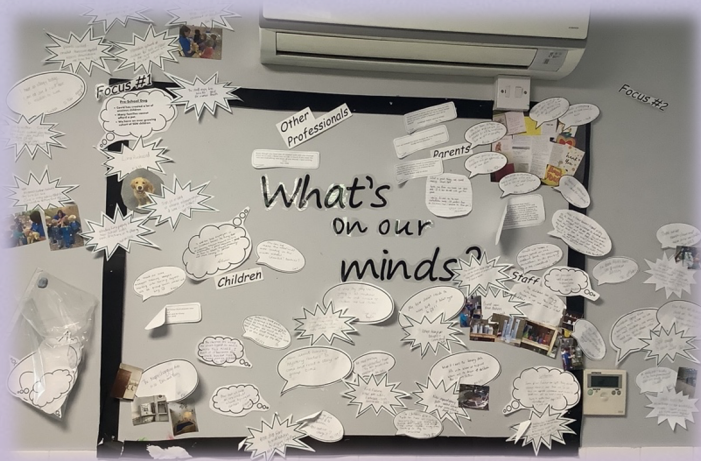
As we progress through the accreditation you will no doubt see some changes. We will share our progress with you as we go!

How we listen to you, your children, our team and other professionals!

It's not just about what we hear....
It's about what we see the children doing,
how we see the children behave,
what your body language says, what feedback
other professionals give us, how our team
embrace situations... so many things

Hearing and truly listening is only the
start.... we need to reflect and then
act on what we see and hear.

And here is how we do it.....



Parent Survey Feedback

I have emailed you a copy of our
feedback. It was brilliant for us to
share with the team.
Thank you again to everyone who
took time to complete it.
We have added comments to our
'What's on Our Mind' Board

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How we reflect... Reflection is one of my favourite words!

Rather than having a hidden folder in the office, or on the computer we have
our reflections on a display board in the room.
It's like our plan of how we are continuously adapting the setting to meet the
needs of our families.

We ALL add to it ALL of the time, we add comments from parents, children,
staff and other professionals. We also add observations of what we have seen.

We action the comments where necessary, then add to the board what action
we have taken and then add the impact it has had.

It's a great visual journey of Puddleducks and is constantly changing.

You are always more than welcome to come in and have a look.

Late Collections

We have had a large number of children being collected late - after 3pm.

This has a huge impact on the staff who are trying to clean and re set up for the following day.

We will have a sheet for late collections and if you arrive to collect your child after 3pm you will need to sign it. This will then be used to invoice for late collections.



Reminder of late collection fees:

- 5 to 10 minutes late - £10
- 11 to 20 minutes late - £15
- 21 to 30 minutes late - £20
- 31 to 45 minutes late - £25

We fully understand life happens and there are occasions where we are all a little late, if this is going to be the case, please call and let us know.

The gates are opened at 2:45pm so we can have a steady flow of parents collecting and no one feels rushed to get to a school collection.



Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is
Kirsty Merrifield.

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Lead is
Julie Crago.

All staff had safeguarding training during our Teacher Training Day on 20th February. – We looked at many aspects of safeguarding including Adverse Childhood Experiences and the effects they have on children and adults.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do come and speak to Kirsty or Julie.



Easter Fete

Our Easter Fete will be here before we know it!

Wednesday 29th March
3:15-4:15pm

They are always very well supported and the money we raise goes straight to the experiences your child/ren have while they are with us.

We will have our collection boxes out for chocolate, sweet and bottle donations nearer the time.

