

Need to know

Nursery Manager Katie Townsend
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Although we charge for all hours, whether attended or not, we are able to remove lunch charges for planned absences. We need 2 weeks notice of any absence. Meals will be charged for unplanned absences like sickness as we plan our catering needs 10 days in advance.

To ensure that we are correctly staffed at all times we ask that you adhere to your booked times. If you drop off early or pick up late, our staffing may not be adequate. To deter this, we charge if you pick up late or drop off early. Please also note that nursery will close at 6pm promptly. If your current hours need changing please speak to Jackie.

Nice to know

All nursery policies are available for you to read on our website. To access them, you will need to login – please contact the nursery manager for details.

You can view our 4-week menu online at www.bristolchildcare.co.uk/meals/menus. Our Cycle of Summer Menus started in May, you can find them on our website.

You can contact Managing Director Saffia Bullock at any time via e-mail: saffia.bullock@bristolchildcare.co.uk

We would like to congratulate our Data Manager Justine MC on her recent marriage. You may notice that replies from the billing@bristolchildcare.co.uk email are now signed by Justine Clifford.

Bank Holiday Reminder

Summer Monday 30 August

If you have any comments or feedback, please email us at: courthouse@bristolchildcare.co.uk

Welcome from Katie

Welcome to our Late Summer Newsletter.

Hello to all our families, I want to thank you all for being so welcoming over the last few weeks, for those of you I have yet to meet I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming months. I want to give a huge shout out to the team, for being Amazing and so supportive.



Little bit about me; I have been working in childcare for 14 Years and have experienced being a Primary teacher, Deputy manager and an Assessor. I am enjoying being back in a nursery environment and getting to know all your little people.

We all want to say a huge goodbye and good luck to those that are leaving us to go to school! We all know you are going to be great; it's going to be a lot quieter in nursery without you all!! The team wish you all the best in your next adventure.

The Court House will also be saying goodbye to Holly and Abbie from the twos room and Saffron from pre-school. We wish them all the best in their next chapter and know that they will be a great asset to their new roles.

We also have had a new addition to the team Sarah our cook who has been making us all some great meals, which everyone has been enjoying.

Here at The Court House we all want to say a huge congratulations to Katie in our baby room who is getting married, we wish her an amazing day!!

Katie

Free Early Education Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds

All parents/carers of children who were born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 have been sent an email from adobe sign requesting you complete the EYFI form for your child so that we can claim their funding for the Autumn Term (September to December 2021).

If you haven't already done so, please can we have these completed by 31st August. You will automatically receive a PDF version of your completed form once you have 'finished' it.

The funding calendar and a letter outlining the 30-hours extended funding has been sent this year by email.

Once we have received your completed form, we request that you bring in your child's passport/birth certificate to nursery so that we can record seeing the original document.

Please contact yvette.fensom@bristolchildcare.co.uk if you have any queries.



Hello to all our new children, parents and carers! We are delighted that you have joined the Bristol Childcare family and hope you are settling in well.

It's also the time of year when we have to say goodbye to our pre-school children as they leave for school. It's a time of mixed emotions – it's so exciting to see the pre-school children so grown up and enthusiastic about their next stage, but it's also sad to say goodbye to children who staff have known so well, sometimes for many years. I would like to wish all of you and your children well in the next stages of your educational journey, and would like to thank you for your support over the last difficult years. I hope you take away fond memories of the nursery years!

Goodbye Jackie

In July we also said another goodbye - to Jackie Shaw who retired after an early years career spanning nearly 50 years.

Jackie has only been working for Bristol Childcare since 2018, firstly as a Senior Support Practitioner and then as Nursery Manager of The Court House in Knowle. However, during that time she has had a huge impact on our children, families and team through her gentle, caring and knowledgeable support. We are grateful to have shared the last few years of her career with her.



During her last week at The Court House Jackie was interviewed by Radio Bristol about her career. Lots of nursery parents shared their memories of Jackie and their thanks for all the support and kindness she has shown them and their children.

Jackie is a much-loved member of the Bristol Childcare family and she will be missed. But we'd all like to thank her for her years of hard work and dedication to the Bristol Early Years community. It's been an honour to work with Jackie and learn from some of her wisdom. We wish her a wonderful retirement enjoying time with her grandchildren.

Congratulations to Yvette

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Yvette Fensom, a member of our Head Office team, who took part in the South West Coast To Coast Walk from Minehead to Dawlish in July. Despite very wet weather conditions Yvette walked 68km in a time of just under 20 hours!

Yvette was walking to raise money for Young Lives vs Cancer. Well done to Yvette for this incredible achievement.



Update from Saffia continued

Coronavirus Update

On Monday 16 August we “stepped” into another phase of England’s response to the coronavirus pandemic. From that date, the only people required to isolate are:

- Those who test positive with a PCR test;
- Those who have symptoms and are awaiting the results of a PCR test; and
- Those who are in close contact with someone who tests positive, are not double vaccinated and are over the age of 18 years.

We have created an Outbreak Management Plan that we will use should a member of staff or child test positive as there could still be impacts on staff and staffing. Your nursery manager will update you as required. We plan to review our Safe Working Procedures in early September once we have been able to see the impact of these changes. Thank you for your continued cooperation in working with us and supporting us to do all we can to stop coronavirus spreading within our nurseries.

I hope that you all enjoy the last few days of August, and wish those of you leaving for school a calm, happy and exciting start to September.

Saffia

Nursery News

This year we are celebrating that it’s 50 years since we opened our first nursery, Mornington House in Clifton. You can find out more on our [website](#).

To commemorate this achievement we are putting up plaques at each nursery entrance; don’t they look great!



We are delighted that Paul Richardson has joined the team as the Supplies and Maintenance Assistant. You may see Paul around the nurseries delivering, working on the gardens or fixing things. Paul is very creative and has already made a fantastic den for Mornington House Baby room garden. He is married to Justine, Manager at The Priory and is pleased to now have joined the team himself. Paul says “I am enjoying my new position at Bristol Childcare. The role allows me to perform tasks that help keep the children safe. I also have opportunity to make play things that help children’s development. The job has variety and full of challenges.”

Baby Room

Summer has been lots of fun for our babies, they have loved being outside in the garden. They had so much fun playing in our paddling pool and water trays. When we had the heatwave, the babies enjoyed playing with the ice and discovering the items frozen inside. We have also enjoyed walks to Redcatch Park, and the babies enjoyed watching the dogs and seeing their friends who were out with their mummies and daddies. The best bit about the walks were our picnic teas.



We have said some goodbyes to our older babies who have gone to twos room, but we are looking forward to welcoming some more new friends soon.



Two's Room

Back in May we went on our first big trip to the Zoo! All the children had a wonderful time, the favourite animal was the seal; every time they swam past all the children started to laugh. Billy Bear (weekend bear) also wanted to come with us, so the children shared him and showed him different parts of the zoo.



Through June we extended our interest in planting and decided to grow carrots, beetroot and a pumpkin (Sarah also brought in some herbs; chives, parsley and lettuce) The children have been helping to water the vegetable patch daily and they have been fascinated watching it all grow. The children had a big interest around transport, so we decided to make a road around the room for them to follow.

We spent most of July enjoying the sun in the garden with lots of water play! We have started our transitions through this month so have welcomed lots of new faces into the room.

At the end of August, we will be saying a big goodbye to Holly who has worked in the twos room for over a year and a half! We would like to thank her for all her hard work and making the children smile. We will miss you Holly and good luck with your next adventure.





We went on a zoo trip! Everyone got the bus all the way to Bristol Zoo to explore and see the animals, especially the gorillas and lions. Our favourite part of the trip was when a seagull tried to eat our picnic and we



all had to chase them away! Pre-school could not stop talking about this when they got back to nursery.



We have celebrated Eid, by making cards, exploring henna, watching videos and reading lots of books.

It's that time of year again, where we say goodbye to our wonderful school leavers. The children have loved phonics this year, so we planned our leavers party around this. All the children came in dressed as something that started with the same letter as their name, the children (and staff!) came up with some amazing ideas!!



We had a graduation ceremony and said a big goodbye and good luck. All the team wish them all the best of luck for the future and their next adventure.

We all will miss them greatly!!