

# Puddleducks Pre-school

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## PUDDLES PAGES

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How we communicate with you as parents effectively is really important to us. We constantly reflect on how this is working for both you, us and most importantly what impact it has on your children.

For example, the more you know about your child's day the more you can encourage conversations/interactions with them about it, which in turn has a really positive impact on your child's learning and development.

With COVID-19 procedures in place we are very aware you are not able to come into the building as usual and therefore the ways in which you communicate with your key person for instance has had to change.

So, we have put a few new things into practice to further improve our communications.

#### Tapestry – Blog Style!

Every day the staff will take a selection of photos and write a small amount on what the children have done during the day.

We have created 'a child' called 'Monday Ducks', 'Monday Ducklings', 'Tuesday Ducks' ..... etc.

You will have been assigned to the relevant days that your child attends. E.g. If your child is booked in on Mon, Thur and Fri, then you will have the equivalent Mon, Thur, Fri, days assigned to you as a parent on Tapestry.

You will receive notifications dependant on the settings you created when you originally logged in, you can adjust these yourself.

This will allow you to look at what your child has done from the comfort of your home and alongside your child. We would welcome your feedback on this as it's rolled out to the entire setting.

Your child will still have their usual observations done and these will be put on your child's account as normal.



Monday



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**NOTE:**  
If your child is off sick or on holiday you will still see the post, as your child is still 'booked in'.

## Parents Consultations – Zoom/Phone Call

This year we can't welcome you all into the building to sit and talk to your child's keyperson like we usually would. So, we are going to try to do Zoom or phone calls instead. You will be emailed your child's summative assessment prior to the call so you are able to read it and discuss it with your keyperson in the same way. We will be in touch during term 2 to arrange the slots as usual.



## Need to chat to your Keyperson?

If you ever need to talk to your child's keyperson please just ask whoever is at the door and if they are free, they will be more than happy to pop out to chat. Or email the office and we will ask them to call you or pop out to see you at the end of the day.

## Christmas Cards!

Yes, the '**Christmas**' word is being used in September! -Sorry! (not sorry!!!!)

We have been super organised and completed the Christmas Cards with the children already this year.

With the uncertain times that we are currently in we are doing them earlier to ensure we have them back in plenty of time before Christmas and to avoid any unexpected COVID-19 delays.



Every order raises money for Puddleducks, this year more than ever that is important with us not being able to hold our usual fundraising events. – So please do order and support us. – Thank you.

**All orders need to be returned to Puddleducks before the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

## Uniform

90% of the children wear the Puddleducks uniform and they are super proud of it. It gives them a clear identity as part of the Puddleducks family. The children also love that they match the staff and often comment on this right through to school!

We have had a few challenges with our supplier due to COVID-19, but we now have more on the way.

We also have stocks of some sizes in the office. So please do place an order via email or using the uniform slip. Payment is required at time of ordering.

Costs:

Polo shirt: £7.75

Jumper: £9.50

## Consent for Christmas Songs Video!

We usually go to visit Brympton Alms Houses in small groups throughout the year and at Christmas as a whole setting to sing to them and decorate their Christmas tree.

As we are not able to do this due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are hoping to video the children singing some Christmas songs and send it to Brympton to share with their residents.

There will be a consent form sent out during Term 2 for you to give your consent for your child to participate.