

July 2020



Everyone at Caerleon would like to take the opportunity to welcome back those families who have already rejoined us, and to say that we can't wait to see those of you who are yet to come back!



## Summer is Here! (again!)

Please help us to keep your child safe in the sun by **Applying sun cream in the morning (Factor 30+) before you come to nursery.**



**Bringing a named bottle of sun cream with you** for us to reapply later in the day.

We are so lucky to have direct access to the garden and the children love to make the most of it.



### Under 3s

The Under 3s group have done a great job of settling back in, we have been focussing on rebuilding our relationships, getting to know each other again and settling back in after our long break. Our practitioners are really focussing on wellbeing at the moment, taking everything gently as we get used to our new routines. Alongside this, we have been having fun doing lots and lots of mark making, and playing with cars, animals and instruments. We have also been doing lots of singing, dancing and garden play. It is such a joy to see how far their development has leapt in just a few months!

### Who is Looking After Us?

We are pleased to have welcomed back a small team for now and look forward to the rest of our colleagues joining us soon!



Ella Ferguson  
Nursery  
Manager  
Floating / Office



Kim Savage  
Deputy  
Manager  
Over 3s



Hope Bragg  
Senior  
Practitioner  
Under 3s



Cody Morgan  
Practitioner  
Over 3s



Rhiann Smith  
Apprentice  
Under 3s

### Over 3s

Wow! Your children have come back to nursery so full of joy and energy that it has been an absolute pleasure! Like the under 3s, the older children's practitioners are focussing on wellbeing, making sure everyone feels really safe and happy here at nursery. We have been doing lots of drawing and creating with construction, lots of garden play and even marrying the two by doing still life drawings of the spring onions we planted back in February/March (which have grown with no intervention from a human whatsoever whilst we have been closed!)

The room has had a little bit of a makeover whilst we were preparing to reopen, with the resources streamlined and areas laid out more generously. This has been so positive for the children's learning, especially the new Home Corner area which has been the scene of many a 5\* meal so far. We have also noticed amazing changes in the children's skills in a few short months, especially linguistically. Fantastic!



## Reminders

Please do let us know with as much notice as you can when you wish to return. Although we will always do our best, allocation of places is slightly more complex than usual at the moment as you can imagine.

**Please note:** Your account needs to be cleared in full prior to your return. If you require a statement, please pop us an email.

## Road to School Corner

WOW!

We can't believe it's almost time to say goodbye to so many of you. We will really miss you and hope you do fantastically well in your new schools. If you need anything from us to support you in this transition, please do ask.

Here are a few reminders:

1. Please let us know as soon as you can which school your child will be attending if you haven't already
2. Please let us know your leaving date with as much notice as you can
3. Schools are wonderful at teaching things like reading, writing and maths. The best things you can teach your children before they set off are self care skills like toileting and dressing themselves, confidence to ask for help when they need it, and listening and attention skills by talking lots and trying to encourage their independence.

Before we welcomed our families back, the team spent a week in the setting really looking closely at our environments, really making sure that they were as safe, inviting and stimulating as possible, without being overwhelming for little people getting back into their routines.

We have also enjoyed some time to undergo some training, with staff learning more about infection control, as well as widening knowledge and understanding of the Curriculum and planning how to implement this for our individual children.

The Pre School room in particular had quite a makeover ready to welcome our Over 3s.

These are the rooms we are using so far:

## Over 3s



## Under 3s

## Don't Forget!

If your child is turning 2 or 3 between April 2020 and August 2020 you may be eligible for 15-30 hours of funded childcare in September.

Visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to apply or check your eligibility



If your child already receives this, you need to re-confirm your code before September.



**Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!** We are starting to share more and more of the wonderful things we get up to at nursery, events and reminders. You can even leave us a review!

**Recommend a Friend!** As a setting we appreciate all of your support and all of the positive feedback you've given us recently. If you know of any other families we could support then please do let us know. You will receive £50 credit to your account and your friend will have their registration fee waived.

