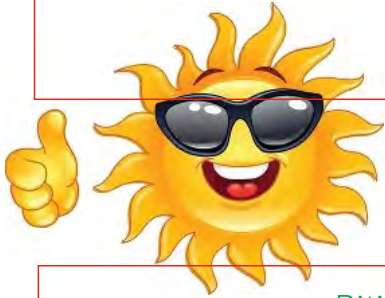




We have had a very busy start to the Summer term and welcomed lots of new families into the setting in the last month. The children are all settling well and finding their feet.

We welcome all our new families to Pixies and hope it has been a smooth transition for you and your children.



Biting

Discovering that your child has been bitten, or indeed that your child has bitten, can be very distressing for parents. This is a very natural occurrence in a child's development and does not reflect badly on either the parent or the child. Biting is a habit found mostly in children between the ages of 12-36 months. It is not a premeditated, spiteful act, but simply a common impulse at this age.

Children usually discover biting by chance, at around 12 months of age when chewing is normal teething behaviour. At around 2 to 3 years of age, children may bite when they feel frustrated or want something from another child. Biting is a primitive form of communication.

As practitioners it is our role to try to understand why the child is biting in order for us to support the child in expressing their needs. We will then work with the parents and child to find other ways to meet their needs.

When a child is bitten we focus all our attention on comforting the child and easing their distress. We write an accident form, monitor the child and let parents know what has happened. We will never disclose the biter's name so please do not ask us to and we strongly recommend not asking your child either as they may not always remember the right child.

If you do have any concerns in regards to biting please do feel free to have a chat with the setting manager.

A book we often use in nursery is "Teeth and not for biting" by Elizabeth Verdick

Outdoor Play

Please can we ask all parents to ensure your children have appropriate outdoor clothing. We do take the children out in all weather conditioners and like to get fresh air at least once a day.

The weather is getting warmer so please ensure you are supplying sun hats **clearly labelled with your child's name.**

If you have not given permission for your child to have Pixie sunscreen, it would be helpful to have a bottle store in nursery with your child's name on to save time going through each individual

Water Bottles



Please ensure your child brings in a labelled water bottle daily. We continuously encourage the children to drink throughout the day.

We do not encourage juice in the setting so ask you to only fill bottle with water.

Car Park

A gentle reminder that our car park is for drop off and pick ups only. Our car park gets very busy and we do not have space to accommodate parents parking whilst taking your child to Locks Heath School. If you are doing the school run please find alternative parking for the duration of the school drop off.



PB Club

For those going to school please remember we have a breakfast and after school club for Locks Heath school as well as a holiday club for children aged up until 8 years old. Please see a member of the management team to book your place.

Can we ask that parents do not let anyone else into the nursery building, please wait for a member of staff to let you in.

Please remember that mobile phones are not allowed to be used within the nursery buildings.

Basics Bank

Times are difficult for many folk
To be honest, it's a bit of a joke
Some can't afford to put on a light
And the forever dropping Fahrenheit

Here at Pixies we certainly do care
We want to help alleviate the despair
A basics bank to assist with the fight
Help yourself if times are not alright

We hope this helps bring some light
We know not everything is black and white
Please donate if you have anything to spare
Huge thank you to our parents and to Pixie Bear

We fully appreciate the cost of living is going up for us all and many families are finding it hard to make ends meet

Remember we have our Basics Bank available in the main porch for parents to use. Please do speak to a member of our team if you are finding things a struggle, we will do our best to support your family.



Staff

We have sadly lost a few team members over the past term who have ventured on due to travel, career changes or after starting nursery life for the first time have decided it's not the right career for them. It is always sad bidding farewell to team members and we are honoured to say they have all said how much they will miss Pixies. We do have new team members some have joined and some still undergoing background checks which can be a lengthy process in some cases.

We look forward to introducing you to some new faces very soon.

Dates for the Diary

26th May	Bank Holiday
11th June	Parent Forum Meeting
13th June	Fathers day stay and play
12th July	Preschool Graduation

Packed Lunches

At Pixies, we are very proud to actively encourage healthy eating amongst the children!

A healthy lunch box should include:

- A Portion of Dairy e.g. yoghurt, cheese
- Fruit or Vegetables e.g. banana, carrot sticks
- Some Carbohydrates to ensure it is filling enough e.g. pasta, wraps, bread
- Portion of Protein e.g. ham, egg, tuna

We are asking parents to limit the amount of items in lunch boxes to 4 things and be aware of portion sizes.

Due to allergies within the nursery we ask that **no foods containing nuts** are provided in lunch boxes.

We are unable to reheat foods that have been cooked at home, or to cook any food here for your child due to health and safety regulations. Therefore, all food in lunch boxes must be able to be eaten cold and we ask for you to provide a cool block in the lunch box to keep food cold until lunchtime, due to space limitations.



Mothers Day stay and Play and Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you so much to all the parents who came along to our April open sessions. There was lots of great activities going on and was enjoyed by all

