



**Funfishers Nursery and Out of School Club**  
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# Funfishers Newsletter October 2023

## **I just wanted to announce that we are now a Communication Friendly Setting!**

All the staff working in the setting have completed the Ekklan's acclaimed 10-week course. This course explores the complex subject of speech, language and communication development in children and young people and gives participants practical knowledge and skills to support children with speech, language and communication needs. The staff are now equipped with the knowledge, skills and strategies to create a setting that enhances and develops children's communication, creating a rich learning environment for all and supporting children who have communication needs.

Nationally accredited by Ekklan and OCN London



## **Welcome Back**

I would like to say a huge welcome back to you all!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are refreshed and ready to start the new academic year!

We would like to welcome all the new children into our nursery and afterschool club setting, who have recently started at the beginning of the September half term. There is lots of new faces I have seen around the building, and we hope they are all settling in well and getting to know their new routine.

If you have any questions or queries, then please feel free to contact your Child's key worker who will be able to give you any help or advice.

## **Staff Changes**

I just wanted to inform you about some of the changes we have made within the setting.

Sonia has now stepped down as room leader as she is taking on the new role of SENCO alongside Katie. Kaylea has politely accepted her new role of room leader for the Pre-School Room and we look forward to her continuing to encourage the children to thrive within her new role.

We also have welcomed Abby, she works full time within the pre-school room from 9-3pm, some of the parents may have already spoken to Abby at drop off or collection times so please say a big hello if you see her. The children may have spoken about Abby at home as she has begun planning and doing next steps for the children. Over time Abby will be taking over Sonia's current Key Children, if you have any questions about this then please feel free to speak to Sonia or Katie.

Kizzy is our relief practitioner; you may have already seen her as she did her work placement with us last year. She worked during the summer holidays and is currently working 2 days a week as she continues to develop her childcare studies.



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**October Half Term 2023**

We have lots of spooky activities for your children over the half term holidays.

Our full itinerary is available on Famly and will be on our website soon.

If you would your child to attend holiday club, I need to make you aware that the priority booking deadline is 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, so make sure you fill in the forms and get them back to us as soon as possible.

If your child is attending the forest school session on Thursday afternoon, can I please ask that they bring spare clothes along with suits and welly's.

Here is some of the amazing activities we have planned for you:

PUMPKIN CARVING

HALLOWEEN DISCO

FIREWORK SPLATTER PICTURES

DESIGN AND MAKE A GUY FAWKES

FOREST SCHOOL

**Get booking now!**



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York Common Good Trust, and  
the Norman Collinson Charitable  
Trust*



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