

Just as children are beginning to settle in our Robin and Greenfinch rooms we need to let you know that the application process for children due to start **primary school in September 2024** is open. The **closing date for applications is 15 January 2024**. Any applications received after this time will be late and considered only in May 2024, after all 'on-time' applications. **It is not a first come first served basis** – 'all on time' applications are treated equally and places will be offered on the National Offer Date of **16 April 2024**. You will see posters displayed at the Centre, go to the QR code which will take you to the county website to enable you to make an online application. Alternatively go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions. If you have any queries about the primary transfer process, please do not hesitate to contact admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or we will be happy to help where we can. We will be reminding you from now until January and hope to match this year's achievement of everyone applying on time! If you miss the deadline it can become very stressful.

For children who will move to **Nursery school next year** (those born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021) we will shortly be asking you to consider whether you will be hoping to change hours from September 2024. This is when you will be able to access 30 hour funding and change to term time only wrap around. We appreciate that that is a long way off but we have a long waiting list of children wishing to join the Centre and once new places are offered it will be harder to change existing places. For our youngest children we are now looking at the intake for September 2024 and are already oversubscribed.

We are currently looking for experienced Level 3s to join our team. We have full time, all year-round roles available to help us meet the demand for places. If you know anyone who may be interested, please get them to contact us for a chat and a show round. Equally if you know anyone who is looking to start a career in Early Years there are training opportunities available.

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of you to our **Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th September**. The team are warming up their ovens and planning their best bakes to see who will be this year's Star Baker. It is a highly coveted role at the Centre and tactics are already in place to ensure the best positioning on the table as the first cake to get eaten is the winner. We are also welcoming cake donations from you so please either send them in on Friday or bring them along with you on the day (shop bought ones passed off as homemade are absolutely fine!). Last year we suggested you bring along a reusable cup for your tea or coffee and would encourage you to do the same this year to save us using disposable cups. It is a lovely opportunity to chat to other parents, the team and eat cake!

Key dates coming up

Saturday 30th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning and a chance to meet the team **9.45-11.30am**

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October - Half term for term time only children.

Thursday 2nd November – Light and Dark evening 5-6.30pm

Friday 1st December - Whole Centre closed for training. No sessions for any children.

Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December – Nursery School last day before Christmas break.

Friday 22nd December – Little Owls closes.

Tuesday 2nd January 2023 – Little Owls opens.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Karen

Thursday 4th January – Nursery School opens.

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Karen