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# Horn End News

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This is a really interesting article from a Nursery Magazine that I wanted to share with you. I would love to hear your views. Emma

A private nursery in Leeds has complained about the difficulty of meeting Ofsted requirements while complying with requests from parents, following an action taken against it by the inspection body for waking a sleeping child.

Staff at Sunbeams nursery, which has 62 children registered, said that they were responding to a request from one child's parents that the child should be distracted from having a late sleep in the afternoon. The parents said that napping in the afternoon meant that the child's sleep pattern was disturbed throughout the night.

Ofsted became involved after an anonymous complaint was made to it that staff at the nursery were not letting children sleep.

Sunbeams staff explained the child's particular circumstances and said that they were following parents' wishes. However, the nursery was given the action because ofsted said that nursery staff should prioritise the rights of the child rather than requests from parents. nursery manager Shelley Briggs told Nursery World, This is a common dilemma for nursery nurses. Parent partnership is part of the Early Years Foundation Stage and good practice, but Ofsted would not enter into a debate. "it's a grey area. We do not want to step on parents' toes, but Ofsted says it is about the rights of the child, and the child needed to sleep. We are going to send a letter out to parents informing them of what has happened and tell them that they will have to contact Ofsted if they want to discuss the issue further. The issue hasn't yet come up again with this particular child, but it will do.

An Ofsted spokesman said, 'While parents and carers may make a formal request for their child to be exempt from receiving the learning and development requirement of the EYFS, there is no provision for a child to be exempt from the welfare requirements. Providers must meet the welfare requirements at all times. In meeting the welfare requirements, a provider must have effective systems in place to ensure that they meet the individual needs of the child. This includes giving due consideration to the wishes of the child's parents. However, in the event of a conflict between the parent's wishes and the welfare requirements, the provider must put the safeguarding and best interests of the child as the priority.

'We would expect providers to discuss matters such as sleep patterns with parents and to accommodate parental wishes wherever possible, unless these conflict with welfare requirements.'

Early years advisor Dr Maria Robinson said, This is a delicate situation and I think that staff need to try to unpick the issue and find out why the child might be waking in the night. There is usually a reason why a child does not want to go to bed. A three-year-old probably still needs a short sleep in the afternoon.

This is a common issue and one we often find difficult to resolve. We pride ourselves at Horn End that we always put the children first but we also want to support parents who may be having difficulty getting their child to sleep at night. We hope this article helps you understand the dilemma we face.

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It was lovely to see Grandparents interacting with the children on Grandparents day. This experience is invaluable for the children



Look at the Toby Talls enjoying some fun interaction when creating a large scale painting using paint balloons

## What's happening this month

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** Tommy Thumbs will be making ice cream cakes.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** Tommy Thumbs will be making chocolate apples!! Yum Yum !!
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** Baby smalls will be making their own afternoon snack.
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** Red and Blue day in Toby Talls .Please can all the children come dressed in these colours
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Toby Talls will be making a weather bear
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** Counting ice cubes to enhance our maths skills in Toby Talls
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** Tommy Thumbs will be taking part in savoury food tasting
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** Tommy Thumbs are going for a trip to the shops.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** Baby Smalls will be baking pizza.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** American Day Please can all the babies come dressed in red white and blue!!
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** Toby Talls will be making pizza
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** Baby Smalls will be playing with flavoured ice cubes.
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** Tommy Thumbs are having a Teddy bears picnic. Please can all Tommy thumbs bring in a teddy from home on this day.

## Stay and Play

It was lovely to see so many parents taking the opportunity to stay and play .We plan to have a stay and play day every month .Our next stay and play will be **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** from 8.00-9.00 am

If the dates or times are not convenient to you don't worry parents are welcome anytime. Just give me a call.

**Emma**

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& Wharf Road, Rugeley.

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