



Newsletter

2-3s Nursery January 2018

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Dear parents and carers

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We are almost half way through January, I do hope those resolutions are still going strong! The children have all settled back into Nursery with ease, getting straight back into their learning. I love walking through the Nursery to get to my office and have a little smile to myself as I continue to hear 'Jingle Bells' being sung by the children while they are playing.

As always, lots happening at the Nursery and Children's Centre. Following feedback from parents, I have moved the 'Diary Dates' section to the front page, I hope this helps to keep you organised and on track.



Friday 19th January - 9.15am - Woodland Adventures Meeting (see separate letter) for all parents followed by FOND Meeting
Monday 22nd January - Friday 26th January - Dads and Grandads Week - see separate letter
Monday 5th February - Friday 9th February - Woodland Adventures Week
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half term - Nursery Closed
Monday 19th February - INSET Day - Nursery Closed
Monday 19th March - Friday 23rd March - Mums and Grandmas Week
Thursday 29th March - last day of term
Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April - Easter holidays - Nursery Closed
Monday 7th May - May Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed
Friday 24th May - Transition Coffee Morning
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June - Nursery Closed
Friday 29th June - INSET Day - Nursery Closed
Thursday 19th July - last day of nursery sessions
Friday 20th July - Family Picnic - 1pm - 2.30pm

Donations

£5 termly voluntary contribution - please can I remind all families about their £5 termly donation to the nursery fund. This supports the costs of additional resources, experiences such as Woodland and the snacks provided at snack time. If you have not done so yet, we would be very grateful if you could make a donation to us so we can continue to provide the very best for your child.

Tissues - achool! We ask families to donate a box of tissues to us, this means more money in the budget for other things, and helps us keep noses clean!

Thank you from all
the staff for their
wonderful
Christmas gifts!

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Coats, coats, coats - parents may not realise the amount of time their children spend outside when they are with us! They love exploring the environment outside, therefore, it is vital they have a named coat in Nursery each day - even if it looks sunny in the morning. It is also important your child is suitably dressed for the weather inside, with long sleeves and vests. Please make sure you have updated your child's 'change of clothes bag' for the season and don't forget to check this regularly!



Lunchclub - Lunchclub runs daily from 11.45am - 12.30pm and is a great extension to your child's session, however, we only allow extensions to your child's session if they are settled in their morning session. If you are keen to extend your session, please speak to your child's key person in the first instance. Sarah in the office will be able to advise you regarding prices and terms and conditions.

Christmas

Although it seems like a long time ago, I think it is important to remember back to the fantastic job the children did in their Christmas Celebration. It is never easy to stand up in front of a group to talk, let alone sing, and especially when you are 2! A massive well done to each and every child. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and I hope you liked your special Christmas gifts.

This little group of performers gave a private performance at the end of one of the Celebrations, completely spontaneously and not prompted at all by adults...next stop 'Britain's Got Talent'!



Application for 3-5s Nursery

By now you will have all completed your form giving us an indication of your preference for the 3-5s Nursery session. The sessions are based around the 3 year old funded entitlement of 15 hours, therefore you will either be offered a morning or an afternoon place with us. For those eligible and meeting the specific criteria, and if you have expressed a preference, you may be offered one of our 30 hour places. The Admission Panel of the Governing Body will be meeting later on this half term to allocate places based on the Admissions Policy. I will write individually to parents with the outcome of this by the end of March.

Sessions in 2-3s

Many of you are asking for additional sessions in the 2-3s Nursery now that your child is turning 3. Please note that spaces are not guaranteed and we are already full on a Tuesday with limited sessions available on the other days. Please speak to Sarah or Tracey if you are interested increasing sessions for your child.

From the Nursery

Over Christmas, we had some wonderful language from the children as they talked about 'Hebe Jebe' (Jesus), 'The Horsey House' (stable) and going to visit Santa in 'Morocco' (grotto)! We are working hard this term to help the children develop more independence. Once was being encouraged to try to remove his water proof trousers. He responded, "I will try tomorrow!"....I guess we will keep working on it!



Governing Body

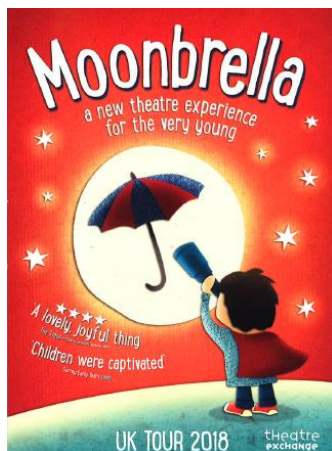
We still have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent to join. As a maintained school we are led and managed by our Governing Body. Their role is to support, challenge and most importantly hold the leadership of the school to account. Although the role is voluntary and there is a time commitment involved, many who take up the role find it rewarding. If this is something you might be interested in, please do contact me. Alternatively, talk to either Euan's mum, Katherine or Lizzie and Charlie's mum, Kathy who are currently parent governors who will be able to tell you more about the role.

Children's Centre

Our Children's Centre leaflet for the spring term is out now, if you have not got one, then please pick one up from the drop boxes outside the front office. As always, there is lots going on at both the West Street site and the Goodwyns Road site ranging from activities for you and your child as well as parenting courses.

 	
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<p>West Street Children's Centre Site (Term time only) West Street Dorking RH4 1BY 01306 882397 or email: reception@dorking.surrey.sch.uk Groups start on January 4th Closed half term 12th Feb-16th Feb Last Group 23rd March</p>	<p>Goodwyns Road Children's Centre Site (Open School Holidays) Goodwyns Road Dorking RH4 2LR 01306 740095 or email: admin@nursel@dorking.surrey.sch.uk Centre open 2nd January for clinics Groups start on 4th January Closed on Monday 19th February</p>
<p>A Sure Start Children's Centre</p>	

Moonbrella



The Priory are hosting a production of Moonbrella which is being run by the Theatre Exchange. It is a theatre experience aimed at young children aged 18 months to 5 years. Tickets are £6 and available from the Dorking Halls. The show will take place on Saturday 3rd March at 11am and 2pm.

Who's who?

Going back to the start of the newsletter, I talked about New Years Resolutions. One of mine was to have a good tidy of the filing cabinet in my office. I had the pleasure of finding a host of old photographs from the Nursery which I will be sharing with you. This one we think is from the early 2000s when we opened our Under 3s! Do you know anyone in it? Do you have any old photographs of our nursery to share? If so, I'd love to see them!



Centre of excellence: Council chairman Maurice Homewood opens the nursery with the aid of some of the youngsters.

Finally, don't forget to follow us on social media, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram



Regards
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