



Newsletter



2-3s Nursery January 2019

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Dear parents and carers

Happy 2019 to you all, although the Christmas holidays seem like a distant memory. The children have all returned to nursery happily this term and have settled well.



Starting 4th Feb - Woodland Adventures

Fri 15th Feb - break up for half term

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Feb - Half term

Monday 25th Feb - Nursery opens

Monday 1st April - Friday 5th April - Mums and Grandmas Week

Friday 5th April - break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April - Easter holidays

Tuesday 23rd April - Nursery opens

Monday 13th - Friday 17th May - Sponsored Week

Thursday 23rd May - Transition to 3-5s Coffee Morning

4th - 6th June - 2nd Woodland Adventure

Fri 28th June - INSET Day - Nursery closed

Thursday 18th July - last day of Nursery sessions

*New dates added

Fundraising - Thanks to everyone for their fundraising efforts at the end of term. In total we raised £128 for Save the Children following their Christmas Jumper Day. The staff also helped this total and did a variety of fun activities on their staff night out!

The FOND Raffle also raised £464! We are just waiting to find out how much we raised for Phil the Bag and add this together for an Autumn term total! A massive thank you to all!

Admissions for 3-5s - The admissions deadline for the 3-5s closed last week, 15th January. The Admissions Panel of the Governing Body is meeting next week to allocate places for the 3-5s Nursery. We will write to you shortly to let you know the outcome and offer of a place.

Car parking/dropping off - there continue to be a very small number of parents in the car park at the beginning and end of sessions and being dropped off by a family member who is then waiting for them, or parking in the residents bays for the flats. Our car park is not big enough for this to happen and our spaces are reserved for families in our SEN unit or with a disabled permit. Please use alternative car parks when being dropped off and collected and walk the short distance to nursery. Please also do not use Pets Corner

car park. This is for customers only and parents in the past have received a ticket for doing so.

Clothes - the weather has most certainly turned on us recently and the temperatures are low. Please can we remind you that our garden is open throughout the morning to the children, therefore, they need to have warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc with them at all times. We also advise they are dressed for the cooler temperatures inside also.



Food - we have recently found food inside children's bags or pockets. Please can we remind parents that under no circumstances is food to be brought into the building. We have a large number of children with significant allergies, some of which are life threatening.

Lunches - if your child is settled into nursery and you would like to extend their session until 12.30pm with a cooked lunch, please talk to your key person. Lunch club is £8.50 daily.

Termly reminders - don't forget your box of tissues to donate for this term - it really helps especially this time of year with all the sneezes!

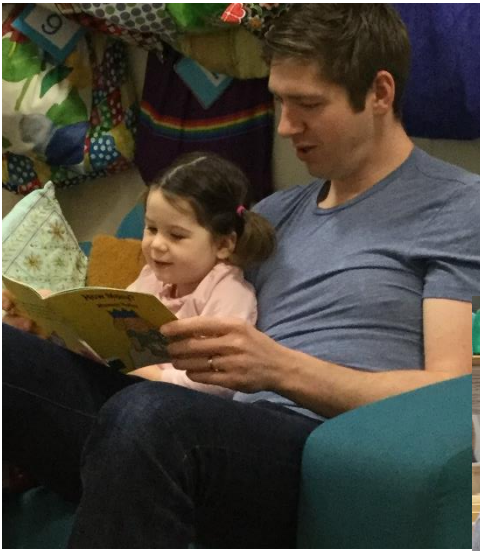
We would also like to remind parents to make their £5 donation if they are able to which helps us to fund things like Woodland and malleable resources such as playdough.

Induction feedback - thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our induction feedback in December. The feedback was extremely positive about our induction processes, showing that parents felt very well prepared and informed. There were some wonderful comments about the team and our nursery, such as *'We are very grateful for the kindness and professional approach of all your staff towards our son'*, *'Our child has had a fantastic start to the school year and loves his time at Dorking Nursery'*, *'My son loves going to the nursery. I am so happy our visits are tear free and filled with joy'*

One parent commented that their child's *'key person had changed from the home visit to starting nursery which we had found unsettling'*. We really do appreciate this feedback and it is not part of our normal practice. However, on this occasion, we had to make changes to the staff that we had not predicted or anticipated sooner. We always endeavour to ensure consistency for our families and children.

Additional sessions - our mornings are almost at full capacity. If you think you want to increase sessions soon, or even in the summer term, can you let us know as soon as possible so that we can allocate these before they go!

Children's Centre Consultation - Thank you so much to those who completed the consultation. The Surrey Cabinet will be meeting next week on the 29th January to make their decisions. I will communicate this to you when we know the outcome. Keep everything crossed for us.



Dads and Grandads Week - Last week has been fabulous to see all the wonderful dads and grandads in Nursery sharing stories with the children. Research shows that children, particularly boys benefit enormously from men reading to them, and showing an interest in books. This has definitely been the case this week! Thank you to everyone who gave us their time.



From the nursery - The Vets that is set up in the role play area has been very popular and the children have been very gentle with the animals, as well as developing some wonderful imagination!

One child was asked what was wrong with the horse he was gently cradling;

Child - "he's hurt list leg"

Adult - "Oh dear - how did he do that?"

Child - "He fell off the climbing frame!"

Adult - "Poor horse! How will you make it better?"

The child quickly looked around and spying the dinosaur puzzle said "I know! Dinosaur food will make him better!" and he tipped the puzzle pieces into a bowl!

Regards
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