



Newsletter

2-3s Nursery January 2020

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Dear parents and carers

We are now at the end of January, 3 weeks into the Spring term, although the weather is not feeling very spring-like at the moment. The children have all settled well back into the routines of nursery and we welcome 2 new families to Dorking Nursery also. Thank you to everyone who kindly gave the staff gifts at Christmas time, they are really appreciated. This half term at Dorking Nursery sees lots more exciting experiences for your children!

Nursery sessions are filling up and we have little availability for additional sessions. Please let us know if you would like to add additional sessions so we can check availability. Our lunchclub is also very busy, so we are looking at staffing a second sitting - watch this space!

Thank you to those of you who have returned their session preference form for September for the 3-5s Nursery. You will be allocated a morning or afternoon session for your 15 hour funding entitlement and we will always do our best to accommodate preferences. If you are working and would like to access your additional 15 hours, then please speak to Sarah about how to do this, as we need you to provide a code to verify your working eligibility.



Week beginning 3rd Feb - Dads and Grandads Week

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February - $\frac{1}{2}$ term, Nursery closed

Monday 24th February - INSET DAY - Nursery closed - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Week beginning 23rd March - Mums and Grandmas Week

Friday 3rd April - last day of term

Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April - Easter holidays, Nursery closed

Monday 20th April - Nursery re-opens - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Week beginning 25th May - $\frac{1}{2}$ term, Nursery closed

Week beginning 1st June - Woodland Adventures Part 2

Fri 26th June - INSET Day - Nursery closed

Thursday 16th July - Family Summer event and last day of Nursery for 2-3s

Induction survey feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey to give us feedback about our induction, settling and first term processes. We are really grateful for the feedback as it helps us to continually improve how we work with families. All the families who responded were extremely positive!

You told us that :-

- 100% strongly agree that the information received prior to starting was useful and informative.
- 73% of those who responded attended the Open Afternoons in July and all those who did strongly agree that it was a good opportunity to see the setting and the staff.
- 91% of those who responded attended the Open Evening in July.
- 100% strongly agree that the Home Visit is a useful part of the settling in process
- All agree that the settling-in process worked well for their child and family
- 82% of those who responded have had their Parent Meeting this term and all strongly agree that it has given them an insight into how well their child has settled and is progressing at Nursery

You also said some wonderful things about us:-

This has been a fantastic experience right from the very beginning. We are very happy with how well looked after our child has been and think the school and staff are all wonderful! Thank you!

Such a positive, friendly and caring environment. Everyone is included and cared for equally. Constant support and advice, plenty of opportunities for taking part in parenting courses. So happy to be part of Dorking Nursery School!

Love everything about this Nursery! The teachers are just wonderful and so so lovely with all the children. They are kind, patient and engaging. The children always appear happy. As parents we are regularly kept up to date and informed on our children's development and progression.

All brilliant – so pleased with Dorking Nursery! Thank you!

Dads and Grandads Week

Next week sees our Dads and Grandads Week at Nursery! Research shows that male role models have a significant impact on a child's progress and development, especially when it comes to reading. Please do encourage Dads and Grandads to come and spend some time in nursery with us next week, sharing stories and playing games.

And don't worry Mums and Grandmas, you are special too - there will be a time later in March for you to come into Nursery.

Woodland Adventures Part 1

The children have been having an amazing time in the Woodland this week. As well as all the exciting opportunities, it is also a huge learning opportunity for the children to have a different routine and environment to learn in... going out of our comfort zone and taking a risk is a great life skill!



The children have been exploring the paths, playing hide and seek, making mud pies and potions and hunting for worms. Their favourite part of the day is often having their hot chocolate and biscuit treat! Definitely needed this week to warm up!

A massive thank you to Tracey and team for planning the adventures, but also to all the volunteers who have helped to make it happen this week! Photographs will be going on Tapestry (if they have not been shared already) so that you can see what your child got up to!



Book Trust 'Helping your child become a reader' workshops!

We are working with the Book Trust to deliver a series of workshops to parents aimed at helping your child to become a reader. We have secured some free books and other resources for all the children, so do hope to see many of you there. Look out for the dates being advertised soon.



Library

Albeit small and cosy, we have a range of children's books available in our library (near the entrance to the 3-5s Nursery) that you are welcome to borrow. There are library tickets in the books and all you need to do is pop the ticket into the slot on the wall with your child's name in!

On a personal note, I have a friend who is climbing Mount Kilimanjaro later this year to raise money to build a library in a school she has worked in, in Tanzania. The school is called Blue Tanzanite Primary School. If you are having a clear out at home and have any books that you do not need, please can you bring them in for me to pass on to her.



Dropping off and collecting your child

From next week - Monday 3rd February:-

Drop off - if you arrive before the start of the nursery session at 8.45am, you are welcome to wait in the library area from 8.30am rather than in the corridor outside the 2-3s nursery.

At the end of the session - parents will be asked to wait outside the building or in the first entrance lobby until 11.40am when coming to collect their child. At present, the corridor is getting very congested and blocked at this time and is becoming a fire hazard. Therefore, the office will not be letting parents into the building before this time.

Don't forget the library is available in the morning between 8.30am and 10.45am, and will be closed to parents between 10.45am and 11.40am due to an end of morning group time activity taking place there.

Donations

Don't forget to make your £5 termly donation towards resources and other materials at nursery if you are able to, and also we kindly ask for a box of tissues also, we go through lots in nursery!

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#WeAre80

I know it is hard to believe, but our amazing nursery celebrates its 80th birthday during this school year. We are planning some exciting things to commemorate this and would love to hear from you if you, or someone you know came to Dorking Nursery - do you have any photos or special memories as we would love to share them! Please

do get in touch if you do!



Regards

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