



# Newsletter



**2-3s Nursery November 2019**

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Dear parents and carers

Half term has been and gone, along with Bonfire Night and we are literally counting down the days until Christmas, although we don't like to mention the 'C' word too early. The children continue to amaze us each day with all the new things they are learning.

Our sessions are filling up after Christmas, so please let us know as soon as possible if you want to increase your child's days and we will do our best to accommodate you. Lunch club sessions are now also running. Talk to your child's key person and Sarah in the office if you want your child to extend their session until 12.30pm and include lunch club. The cost is £8.50 per day.

A few families have already asked about places in the 3-5s Nursery next year. Please don't worry about this, you will receive a letter near the end of term asking your preference for your funded session (morning or afternoon), and for parents to inform us if they are eligible for a 30 hours funded place. If you know someone who is looking for a nursery place, do get them to get in contact and complete an application form.



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - 2-3s family Christmas - see separate letter for your child

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - last day of term and pyjama day! Please note there will be **no lunch club** on this day

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020** - Nursery closed for Christmas

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - First day of term - note change of date, previously was INSET Day

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January** - INSET Day, Nursery closed - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

**Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January** - Woodland Adventures Part 1

**Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** - Dads and Grandads Week

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

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - INSET DAY - Nursery closed - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

**Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Mums and Grandmas Week

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** - last day of term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter holidays, Nursery closed

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** - Nursery re-opens - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

**Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> May** -  $\frac{1}{2}$  term, Nursery closed

**Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Woodland Adventures Part 2

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June** - INSET Day - Nursery closed

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Family Summer event and last day of Nursery for 2-3s

### What's been happening at Nursery?

We have been developing the children's fine motor skills. These are skills linked to using our arms, hands and fingers, and also require concentration and hand-eye coordination. Fine motor skills will support the children to become good writers in the future. The children have been cutting and fixing, with scissors and tape, exploring different paint textures and effect such as puddling paint as well as hand painting.



### Nursery Rhyme Week

Research shows; If children know 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the age of 4, they are some of the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are 8!

Nursery Rhyme Week promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development. This week, the 2-3s Nursery are focussing on all sorts of activities linked to nursery rhymes. There is a rhyme a day! Look out for the leaflet that the team have made and are sending home with your child. To find out more visit <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>

**Christmas** - Tracey has sent out separate letters to you all with information about Christmas events. Please read this carefully and make sure you know the date you will be needed to attend.

**Parking** - thank you so much to all the parents and carers who are using off site car parks. It is very much appreciated!

**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. Please also can we ask that you bring hats and gloves!

**Change of clothes** - please dress your child in comfortable flexible clothing. Elastic waists are best for young children to be independent. A change of clothes in your child's bag is vital.

**Sickness - vomiting and diarrhoea!** - not the nicest subject to discuss, however, it is vital that after any sickness bug (where your child has had sickness or diarrhoea), the Surrey policy is that

your child does not return to Nursery until they have been clear of any symptoms for 48 hours. This is to stop the bugs spreading.

**Earrings** - there are a number of children wearing earrings to nursery. All earrings **must be** removed during the day as the children will be running and climbing. Our Health and Safety policy does not allow children to wear earrings to Nursery.

**Fruit** - thank you for all the lovely fruit that has been bought in. Please could we ask that you only bring in 2 pieces per week, rather than a whole bag as we are struggling to get through the fruit each week!

**Allergies** - please check your child's bag before leaving it with us at Nursery to make sure there is no food or drink in it as we have children with food allergies. There have also been a number of children arriving in the morning eating a snack, please can this be avoided.

### **Tapestry**

Don't forget to set up your Tapestry account, you will have been sent an automated email to do so. Staff will put a photo and observation on every couple of weeks of your child at Nursery - a great way for you to see what they are up to. If you are having trouble creating your account in any way, then just let us know.



### **Timings of the day**

Please make sure you know the start and finish time for your child. We have already had a number of parents who have been late to collect their child. The staff are timetabled for meetings, other duties and activities at the end of the sessions, therefore it impacts greatly if you are late.

If another adult is collecting your child, please let us know and ensure they have your password. Please note, if we do not hear from you, and passwords are not known, we will not be allowing your child to leave. Surrey policy states that if a child is not collected and we are unable to contact yourselves or your emergency contacts, the police and social services must be called.

If you have any questions to ask, please talk to your key person or another member of staff!

Regards  
Donna Harwood-Duffy  
Headteacher

