

## Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays!

All the children are well and truly settled into nursery and have quickly picked up the routines. This half term is a busy one as we prepare for Christmas. We welcome the following new staff joining us: Paul (teaching assistant) in Sunshine and Rainbow and Catherine (teacher) in garden Room.

Sadly this will be the last newsletter I write as Headteacher as I retire 31st December. I have taught in Warrington for over 31 years and been at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School for 16 years, firstly as Assistant Headteacher and over the latter seven years as Headteacher. I have loved serving the community here. It has been a joy to greet returning families and to watch the children grow. This school and its families will always have a special place in my heart. I will truly miss you all. I leave you with the most amazing team.—the best in Warrington! Marcia, my deputy, will be acting Headteacher from January Those of you who have children in the Garden Room will be very familiar with her and no doubt she will introduce herself to everyone else in due course.



### Nursery Activities:

- \* Exploring Autumn through 'Herbie's Big Adventure', 'Leafman' & 'Squirrels Autumn Search'.
- \* Learning about Diwali and the story of Rama, Sita and the Demon King - exploring Clay to create our own Diva Lamps.
- \* Christmas activities: count down to Christmas with a Christmas story advent calendar with gingerbread men, Christmas cakes, reindeer food, letters to Santa, making tree decorations and learning Christmas songs

### Forthcoming Events

- 16th December: Christmas sing-along (watch out for Tapestry video post)
- 17th December: Christmas party!
- 18th December: A very special guest will be visiting with a sack full of presents!!!!

### Clothing

*"There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing" Alfred Wainwright*

We have fabulous outdoor provision and all children have continuous access to outdoors for the whole session. As a result of their play and exploration, children may need to change their clothing. Please could you ensure that your child has a change of clothes.

As we move closer to colder weather please ensure you layer your child up with appropriate clothing. If you haven't done so already you may want to consider buying a school sweat-shirt to wear over the top of a long-sleeved top. Please provide a suitable coat and label with your child's name.



### Snack Money Payment

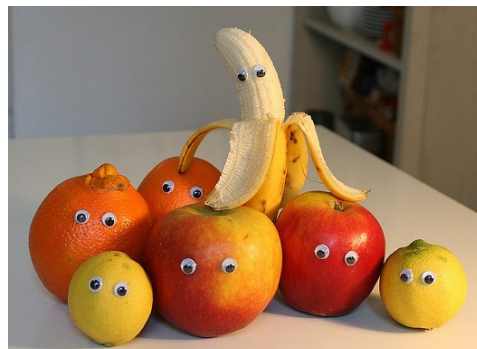
Snack money is to be paid at the beginning of each half term. As well as paying for snack this donation also goes towards paying for events like Father Christmas and presents for the children. Please transfer the relevant amount to the following Nat West Account.

Name: **Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School Community Account**

Account Number: **66037638**

Sort Code: **01-09-17**

Please make sure that you put the child's name for reference so the payment can be registered as paid.



### **Something to Celebrate**

Birthdays this half term:

Macauley, Mathias, Macy, Damilola, Annielou, Alicia, Harper, Layla-Rose, Harper-Mae, Hollie W, Aleksandra, Hollie D, Barbora, Esme, Luca, Freddie, George

Staff:  
Tanya,  
Maxine



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Mon 4.30-6.00

Tues 12.00-2.00

Wed 10.30-12.30

Thur and Fri 2.00-2.00

### **Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes**



Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes  
and eyes and ears and mouth and nose,  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes!

*(Place both hands on parts of body as they are mentioned.  
Speed up during the second time and get faster with each verse.)*

[www.AussieChildcareNetwork.com/](http://www.AussieChildcareNetwork.com/)

### **Rhyme Time**

This is one of the children's favourite rhymes at the moment. Maybe you could try singing it at home. Don't forget to check the Tapestry post for the rhymes we are learning in nursery this term.

### **Nursery Website**

Have you visited our website?

[www.sandylanenurseryandforestschoo.co.uk](http://www.sandylanenurseryandforestschoo.co.uk)

You will find pictures of all the exciting things we have been doing in nursery, as well as lots of useful information.



Don't forget that we love to see the pictures of activities and experiences your child has been part of at home. Please post your pictures on Tapestry. Remember to 'log in' regularly to ensure your access is maintained. If you need help accessing your child's electronic learning journal or posting please speak to your child's key worker who will be happy to help.

## Nursery Times

We are aware you will be queuing outside over the Winter months in all kinds of weather as will staff at Sandy Lane. We will endeavour, therefore, to get your child in as quickly as we can. Please wear a mask to keep others safe including staff. If you are exempt on medical grounds please let staff know and bring evidence. We will turn away parents/carers who are not wearing a mask.

It is **vital that you are on time** as staff now have to fit in cleaning the classrooms due to COVID-19 as well as have their lunch! Drop off and pick up times are:

### GARDEN ROOM:

#### AM

**Drop off: 8.15-8.25 (door will close at 8.25)**

**Pick up: 11.05-11.15 (door will close at 11.15)**

#### PM

**Drop off: 12.15-12.25 (door will close at 12.25)**

**Pick up: 3.05-3.15 (door will close at 3.15)**

### RAINBOW AND SUNSHINE ROOMS:

#### AM

**Drop off: 8.30-8.40 (gate will close at 8.40)**

**Pick up: 11.20-11.30 (gate will close at 11.30)**

#### PM

**Drop off: 12.30-12.40 (gate will close at 12.40)**

**Pick up: 3.20-3.30 (gate will close at 3.30)**

### Attendance

Please ring the office on **01925 623640** or text **07415 869045** if your child will not be attending nursery. Please let us know if it is COVID related for you or any household member. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please continue to follow the COVID-19 guidance. We will continue to take temperatures and ask you to keep your child away from school for 48 hours if their temperature is high. Please do not bring your child to school if you are isolating and do not bring onto site any household members who are isolating.

**Don't forget to give us any new contact numbers.**

### Reminder

Primary school applications need to be completed. If you have any queries, please see Jacqui in the office.

30 hours and additional sessions still available—see Jacqui

### Something to think about...

Children don't need more things. The best toys a child can have is a parent who gets down on the floor and plays with them."  
- Bruce Perry

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### School Holidays

School will close on Friday 18<sup>h</sup> December, and re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

