

Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School
Newsletter Autumn Two 2021



Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays!

It's been a pleasure to spend time in the classrooms over the last few days to see how well all the children have settled back into nursery and engaged in the exciting learning opportunities staff have created. This half term is a busy one as we prepare for Christmas and this newsletter contains lots of important dates and information about activities. Happy reading!

Marcia Head teacher

Nursery Focus

Garden Room—This half term's big question is 'Why are there so many leaves on the ground?'

The direction for learning in **Sunshine Room** and **Rainbow Room** this half term is

'Autumn Colours and Textures'

Throughout this half term we will also be exploring the traditions of a variety of cultures/religions which shape the world around us including Diwali and Christmas

Log on to Tapestry to see what we have been learning and share the related home learning activities with your child too

If you have any questions about your child's learning and development please speak their key worker who will be happy to help.

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas'

Important dates for your diary

Further details of all these events will be posted on Tapestry nearer the time

10th December: Christmas jumper day

Week Commencing 13th December: Christmas Parent/carer Stay and Play sessions and Christmas sing-along. Look out for dates on Tapestry and the sign up sheets in your child's room

17th December: Christmas party! And a very special guest will be visiting with a sack full of presents!!!!



Friends of Sandy Lane—Our New Parent/Carer Group



Last half term was the first meeting of this new group and it has had a huge benefit to all our children already. A special mention of thanks goes to Duke, Callum, Emily, Cat and Ben our very own 'fabulous five' volunteers who worked so hard at the end of last half term to complete the transformation of the river bed in our garden and Chloe who has managed to secure the donation of a brand new fridge freezer for garden room from Hoover/Candy. The work of this group isn't solely about big projects like these. Our aim is to work together to talk about how we can support the work of the school, in lots of ways, to help all our children and parent/carers as part of the Sandy Lane family. We meet once a half term to talk about things like fundraising ideas, things that could make our school even better and ideas about how we can involve all our families. It's an opportunity to meet with other parent/carers for a coffee and a chat, **everyone is welcome** and you all have a valuable contribution to make. The dates for the **next meeting** are **17th Nov am** and **19th Nov pm**. Further details will be shared on Tapestry. If you would like to join this friendly group please have a chat with me or your child's key worker at drop off/collection.

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 sweatshirt to wear over the top of a long-sleeved top. Please provide a suitable coat and label with your child's name.



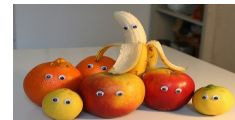
Snack Money Payment

The charge for snack can be found on the school website under the 'Parents' then 'New Starters' tabs. Some families choose to pay for the **full school year**, most pay **termly** but you also have the option to pay **half termly**. **We are now able to take card payments at the office and would much prefer parents/carers to use this option if at all possible.** We understand however that a small number of you may prefer to pay online or by cash. You will receive a text message as a reminder when payment is due with the cost to be paid. If making an on-line payment the details of the nursery's Nat West account are:

Name: Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School Community Account

Account number: 66037638 Sort code: 01-09-17

Please remember to add your child's name for reference so the payment can be registered as paid.



Something to Celebrate



Birthdays this half term:

Samuel, Jaxon, Emily, Joshua, Thomas, Lilly, Freddie, Bethany, Harley, Bobby

Staff: Tanya, Maxine

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We understand that there may be rare occasions where you may be late to collect your child from nursery. Unfortunately, **a very small number of parents are late on a regular basis**. Doors close at 11.30 for am sessions and 3.30 for pm. Between sessions all staff supervise lunch club and have a limited amount of time for their own lunch before cleaning and setting up for the next session. After school staff also have a number of school commitments. **Regular late collection is something I will be monitoring this half term as we consider making charges for persistent late collection.**

Rhyme Time

Each half term staff will post the songs and rhymes children will be learning with links to where you can find them on line. This will enable you to practice them at home with your child. We would love to see photos and video's of your child practicing at home.

This half term we will be learning Christmas songs ready to share them with you at the 'sing-along'. The images below give you a hint of some of the songs. Can you guess what they are? Look out on Tapestry to check if you're right.



School Uniform

Uniform can be ordered by downloading a form from the school website (under the Parent/New Starters tab) or collecting one from the entrance area. Just fill in your order and post it in the box by reception by Monday each week. All orders will then be made up each Tuesday and will be available for collection at the office on Wednesdays. **Wherever possible we ask parents to pay for uniform via card payment.**



Nursery Website

www.sandylanenurseryandforestschoo.co.uk



The 'Parents' tab will give you ideas on how you can support your child's learning and development at home. You'll find the 'Top Tips' pages under 'Helping your child at home', just choose the room your child attends for home learning ideas. There are also idea on healthy packed lunches in the 'keeping healthy' tab. Find out how you can help us to be even better by reading our school improvement page in the 'Parents' tab too. If you have any suggestions about things you would like to see on our website please let us know and we will do our best to include them.

Can you help?

All schools are busy places and Sandy Lane is no exception. We already have a number of volunteers but are always keen to welcome more. You may want to help in a classroom, with admin tasks, making up uniform orders, preparing resources or spending time in the garden or forest school. Do you have a special interest/talent to share with us or are you just happy to help where needed and can spare a couple of hours as a one off or on a regular basis. **All help is greatly appreciated.** If you are interested in volunteering please speak to your child's room leader or have a chat with me on the door at drop off/collection.



We hope you are all enjoying viewing the photos and observations of learning staff share on Tapestry each week. We love to read parent/ carers comments on these posts and the images you share of your child's home learning. The information you provide helps staff to learn more about your child's interests and engagement in learning at home.

Home Learning—Staff also post a range of **weekly home learning activities** on Tapestry. As partners in your child's learning and development **it is important that you support your child to complete these activities**, many of which will enable them to gain extra practice and link experiences they have had in nursery. Please log in to Tapestry regularly throughout each week to ensure you keep up to date with these home learning challenges. If you have any questions about home learning or are having difficulty accessing Tapestry please speak to your child's key worker who will be happy to help

Attendance

Please ring the office: **623640** or text: **07415 869045** if your child will not be attending nursery. Make sure your contact details are up to date. We discourage you taking holidays during term time as it is very disruptive to your child's progress. We aim for 97% attendance which equates to just 6 days absence over the year. Obviously this might be taken up with illness so holiday absence on top of this may hinder your child's progress. If time out of school is unavoidable then please ask for and complete an ABSENCE REQUEST form from the office.

Reminder

The closing date for applications for **Primary School admission is 17th January 2022**. If you need any help accessing or completing the forms online or have any queries, please see Jacqui in the office.

Being Healthy

Healthy Harry, our school travelling ted, helps children learn about being healthy. He may have already paid you a visit and we love to see your Tapestry posts of his adventures with you at home.

Healthy Eating—As a school we promote healthy eating and children are provided with a range of fruit and vegetables at snack time. For children who have their lunch at school our website gives some suggestions for a healthy lunchbox. Please can we also remind parent/ carers that we are a 'nut free' school.

Tooth brushing —We actively encourage good oral hygiene at school. Our website gives guidance on helping children with tooth brushing. You'll find it under the 'Parent' tab under 'Keeping Healthy'. If you would like any support or have any questions about how you can encourage your child with tooth brushing please speak to their key worker



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
BrassyApple.com

School Holidays

School will close on Friday
17th December

We re-open on Tuesday 4th
January 2022.

