



# Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

## Summer Term 1 2021

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our lovely children and families. I cannot quite believe it's the beginning of the summer term already.

During the last 2 weeks we have been welcoming lots of new children into Sunshine Room and Garden Room, with more new faces still to arrive.

We are also incredibly excited to welcome back children who are now, no longer shielding at home. The children have returned to nursery full of happiness and eager to engage, as if they have never been away.

### We are pleased to inform you that

**Marcia Atherton** has now been appointed as  
**Headteacher** at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

and **Kirsten Matthews** is our newly appointed **Deputy Headteacher**.

Many of you will know Marcia and Kirsten already. Marcia was our Deputy Headteacher and lead teacher in Garden Room and Kirsten, lead teacher in Rainbow Room, SENDCo and Safeguarding Lead.

I am sure you will join the governors and the staff team in congratulating them both on their fabulous achievements, and wishing them luck in their new and exciting roles.

We are super excited for the future of Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School under the leadership of Marcia and Kirsten.



### Nursery Activities

This half term, the **direction for learning** across the whole nursery is **Growing**.



**Garden Room's BIG QUESTION is;**

**'What really happened to Jack's beans?'**

### Celebrations

Children will be participating in the **Sakura cherry blossom festival**, which originated in Japan. The festival is a metaphor for life... 'Cherry blossom blooms just once each year, and only for 2 weeks'. The festival is a reminder that life is short, and that we should embrace and enjoy it to its fullest, whilst we can.



### **Covid safety in Nursery**

Although national lockdown restrictions are easing we are continuing to keep our children and staff safe, and are minimising risk of transmission by following our usual measures. We remind you to keep your child away from school for 48 hours if their temperature is high.

**We ask you to continue wearing masks** when on the school grounds and also keep a 2m distance when waiting for your children to enter, or leave nursery.

## Suncream

Just a little reminder as the weather gets warmer, your child should have sun cream applied before coming to nursery.

If you feel your child will need more sun cream applying throughout the session, we will require you to bring a new bottle of cream into nursery. This should be labelled clearly with your child's name.



Would you also indicate via Tapestry that you give consent for staff to apply sun cream in your absence.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

As lockdown restrictions ease, we will be looking for **volunteers** to help us with the maintenance of our grounds, including our gardens and the forest (looking after our bog garden, laying woodchip etc). You may even know someone with specific skills, that would be willing to spare their time and help us.

We are also asking if any of our family members have **hidden skills or talents** which you would be willing to share with us, and with the children. E.g. any musicians, unusual jobs, pets, any hobbies or links with community groups., time to spend encouraging children to explore and share books.

If anyone is interested in helping out at our wonderful school, would you please let us know, either by commenting on Tapestry or informing your child's practitioner. We are not yet able to accept visitors but as soon as we can we will be in touch.

## WEBSITE

We are in the process of updating our website.

We would love **any suggestions or ideas** which would help us to make the website more useful or family friendly.

## SNACK

You may now **pay** for snack either **half termly** or **termly**.

For **15 hours**:

Half termly payment is £7.00

Termly payment is £14.00

For **30 hours**:

Half termly payment is £10.00

Termly payment is £20.00

The payment can be made via bank transfer to

**Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School**

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

**Account Number: 66037638**

Please use your child's name as the reference for any payments.



**UNIFORMS:** can be purchased via bank transfer, also. An order form will still need to be completed which you can collect from the school office.



Please use the Sandy Lane account, as above. You will need to reference your child's initials, followed by the word uniform. For example 'EM Uniform'.

## Happy Birthday to You.

### Children:

Ella-Rose, Kayden, Sophia, Theodore, Jaden, Ava-Mai, Sienna-Rose, Hope, Hudson, Aiman, Sauda, Feryad, Jenson, Ashton

### Staff:

Lynn, Brian, Katy



## Attendance

Can I remind all parents / carers to 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.

## School Holidays

School will close at the end of the day on Friday 21st May 2021 and re-open on Monday 7th June 2021.