



Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School Newsletter Spring One 2018

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www.sandylanenurseryandforestschool*

IMPORTANT If your child is due to start primary school in September 2018 and you have not yet applied for his/her school place, please see Jacqui in the office as soon as possible. The closing date for applications is Monday, 15th January 2018.

Thanks To all of you who kindly gave presents for the staff. It is nice to know how appreciated we are.

Snack Money Just a little reminder that snack is £7.00 per half term and is payable at the office.

New Children This term will see the arrival of new children to nursery. We usually find the older children take on a much more caring, responsible role and really help to settle in these young children. It is a valuable experience.



Telephone Numbers and Addresses Some of you may have had a new mobile for Christmas - please let us know any changes to telephone numbers and any changes of address. Please remember to leave your mobile on in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Please note Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School's mobile number is 07415 869045.

Illness Just a reminder to ask you to make contact at the start of the session should your child be unable to attend nursery. The telephone number is 01925 623640 or 07415 869045.



Something to Celebrate Following our Ofsted inspection in November, we have officially been graded '**Outstanding**' for the third time in a row. Thank you to all the parents who completed the Parent View questionnaire or spoke to the inspector on the day.



Christmas Stay and Play We hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed the fun Christmas activities and singing. All the children worked really hard to learn the songs and enjoyed showing off their singing skills. All the adults were really proud of the children.



School Photos We have set up a dedicated Google account for you to send photos of your child(ren) to us. We can print them out in nursery and add them to your home learning story or VIP home learning sheet. If you would like any further information on this, please see your child's key worker.

The name of the account is: **School Photos**
The email address is: pics.sandylane@gmail.com
The password is: ***sandylane***



Nursery Website Have you visited our website?

www.sandylanenurseryandforestschool.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 our **Facebook** page too. Please add Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School to share anything you have been doing with your child at home.



Collecting Children Please ensure your child is supervised once you have collected them from staff at the end of the session. The staff member on the door has had to stop a number of unsupervised children who have attempted to run through the entrance doors and on to the car park.



Forest School We are very lucky to have a Forest School, it is a fantastic outdoor experience for the children. This half term, the children will be learning about how to look after birds and animals in the winter and will be taking part in the RSPB Great British Bird Watch.



Something to Celebrate

Birthdays this half term include: Finley McKean-Owens, Jessica Tyler, Jacob Buigues-Gardner, Mason Finn-Pickering, Harrison Ireland, Ellis Wright, Grace Popoola, Isaac Popoola, Elsie Jones, Jack White, Harry Nash, Emily Fellows, Adam Drissi, Hollie Reid, Mason Davies

Staff: Maxine, Emma, Holly, Jamie-Lee, Mike, Joan, Michelle, Nikki and Ann S



Letters If you need additional or replacement letters, please find spare copies in the entrance corridor to the Garden Room and on top of the pigeon holes outside Rainbow Room.

Outdoor Play The children are free to access the outdoors whatever the weather. Please make sure your child is suitably dressed with coat and hat and gloves/mittens. Please label them with your child's name to help us avoid any mix ups. Please speak to a member of staff if you want to keep a set of spare clothes in nursery - we can provide you with a named bag.



February Half Term School closes on Friday, 16th February for half term. We re-open on Monday, 26th February.



A Spotlight on Values In nursery, we spend lots of time working together to support and nurture our nursery values. The shared values we are 'spotlighting' this half term are '**being respectful**' and '**valuing each other**'. Children and staff will be sharing stories and talking about what these values mean. We will also be celebrating when we see children demonstrate these values. Look out for 'Star of the Week' and our entrance display.



Red Book Bags Don't forget to bring your child's red bag every day if they are based in Rainbow Room and to fill in their communication book. Children in the Garden Room are invited to bring their red bag every **Wednesday** so that they can change their books. If you wish to change your child's book more often, please feel free to do so.



Activities We will investigate winter weather, light and dark, electricity and pets. We will celebrate the Year of the Dog for Chinese New Year. We will continue our work in the garden and hope to use any produce when cooking in nursery.



Cooking At Home

Each half term, Sarah will be sending a recipe for you to try at home with your child - look out for it in your child's post box. We would love to know how you all enjoyed the activity and would love to see pictures of your creations. You can send these in by using the email address in the 'School Photos' article overleaf.

