



Newsletter

2-3s Nursery November 2018

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Dear parents and carers

Hello November! The clocks have gone back and the days are getting shorter, it most certainly now feels as if we are heading for winter. The children have all been busy in Nursery getting to know each other and find their feet.



**Monday 19th November 1pm (West Street)/
Tuesday 20th November 11am (Goodwyns
Road) - Open sessions to talk to Donna and
Helen about the CC Consultation**

**Friday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day
in aid of Save the Children**

**Friday 14th December or Monday 17th
December - 2-3s Christmas Celebration**

**Wednesday 19th December - last day of term
and pyjama day!**

**Thurs 20th December to Friday 4th January -
Nursery closed for Christmas**

Monday 7th January - Nursery re opens

Fri 28th June - INSET Day - Nursery closed

**Thursday 18th July - last day of Nursery
sessions**

***New dates added**



Save the Children - We will be supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper day on Friday 14th December. Please donate £1 in return for your child wearing their festive clothing. It may coincide with your child's 2-3s Christmas Celebration - if that is the case, why don't you join in too!

FOND - thank you to everyone who had a good clear out and donated their fabric recycling for Phil the Bag. We could not believe the amount that was donated! It was collected today and will be weighed. Each lb of weight will result in a donation to FOND - thank you so much!



FOND Christmas Raffle - FOND are collecting donations for their raffle, either a prize or something to go into the hampers. If you have something, then please bring it into the office. Raffle tickets will go on sale at the end of the month and the raffle will be drawn on Monday 17th December.

From the nursery - Children hear everything! 2 of the nursery team were talking about booking a room for a meeting, and one said; "There are no spots left". A nearby child rushed over and said reassuringly; "It's ok, look, there's lots of spots here" pointing to the carpet tile spots that we use at group time for the children to sit on!



Mobile Phones - there are a number of parents who are on their phones while waiting to collect or drop off their children. Please can I ask that you refrain from doing so and you may be asked to leave the building. This is part of our safeguarding policy to protect all the children.

Walking to the entrance gate from West Street - there continue to be a number of families arriving through the Pets Corner car park and then allowing their children to walk on the driveway to the black gate. It is vital that all families enter the drive from West Street within the silver railings adjacent to the Old House. I urge families to hold their child's hand at all times too.

Car parking/dropping off - there continue to be a very small number of parents in the car park at the beginning and end of sessions and being dropped off by a family member who is then waiting for them, or parking in the residents bays for the flats. Our car park is not big enough for this to happen and our spaces are reserved for families in our SEN unit or with a disabled permit. Please use alternative car parks when being dropped off and collected and walk the short distance to nursery.

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.

Earrings - there are a number of children wearing earrings to nursery. We ask that all earrings are removed during the day as the children will be running and climbing.

Attendance - please remember to call us if your child will be absent for illness or appointments. Sarah will call to follow up all unexplained absences and if we are unable to contact you, we will then make contact with your emergency numbers.

£5 termly voluntary contribution - thank you to those of you who have made your £5 termly contribution to the Nursery. This supports the costs of additional resources, experiences such as Woodland, resources to make playdough, cooking, etc. If you have not done so yet, we would be very grateful if you could make a donation to us so we can continue to provide the very best for your child.

Tissues - achool! We ask families to donate a box of tissues to us, this means more money in the budget for other things, and helps us keep noses clean!

Tesco blue tokens - We are yet again in the Tesco Blue Token collection - in Dorking, Horley and Gatwick. This time the tokens are to fund some parenting courses within our Children's Centre. Please donate your token whenever you are shopping there, although you may have to ask for the token as they are not very generous at giving them out.

TESCO
Bags of Help



Lunches - if your child is settled into nursery and you would like to extend their session until 12.30pm with a cooked lunch, please talk to your key person. Lunch club is £8.50 daily.

Thank you Scott's - thanks to our friends at Scott's Tree Surgery who gave up their time to tidy up our garden area in the front of the nursery building. It is looking amazing. The team are coming back this week to help tidy our Forest School. Thanks so much!



Doula UK
Positive birth.
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Bumps, Birth and Babies Event
Dorking, Saturday 17th November 10am - 4pm
Crossways Community Baptist Church Junction Rd, RH4 3HB
(opposite Waitrose Carpark)

Guildford Cloth Nappy Library
nearly new baby items for sale
cafe with space for buggies and children's activities
facepainting, great raffle prizes!
slings & baby carriers to try and to buy
meet and chat with local doulas
FREE GOODY BAG FOR FIRST 50 ENTRANTS

Sling Connection, Well Mother, Holmwood, MUMMAS AND BEANS, Singing Babies, THE MOTHER SPACE, Elinor Original, integrababy™, The Sling Consultancy, Please Please Nuts and more!

search for 'Dorking Bumps, Birth & Babies Community Event' to find our Facebook page with more information about the day or scan the QR code
stallholders email conference@doula.org.uk

Doula Family Event - Sat 17th November - Doula UK is pleased to host Dorking's first Bumps, Birth & Babies Community Event in support of the Doula Access Fund Charity on Saturday November 17th at Crossways Community Baptist Church. This free family friendly event will feature local pregnancy, birth and postnatal support and services, a raffle and café.

Children's Centre Consultation - You will have seen from recent messages via parentmail and social media, as well as the local press, there is a consultation out looking at the future of Surrey's Children's Centres. The document is not easy to read and does not share the full extent of the implications of the proposals. We are hosting two drop in sessions to talk to parents who want to know more. We are also about to share with you a summary of our thoughts about the consultation which might help you to complete it. The open sessions are Monday 19th November 1pm (West Street) and Tuesday 20th November (Goodwyns Road). If you want to read more, then visit <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/family-resilience-childrens-centres/>

Regards
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