



Newsletter

3-5s Nursery January 2018

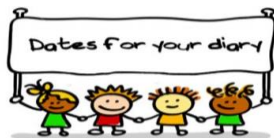
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Dear parents and carers

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We are almost half way through January, I do hope those resolutions are still going strong! The children have all settled back into Nursery with ease, getting straight back into their learning. I visited the nursery on the first day of term and observed a group of girls who had organised themselves into a circle and were happily singing all the songs from our Christmas sing a long! It really put a New-Year-New-Term smile on my face!

As always, lots happening at the Nursery and Children's Centre. Following feedback from parents, I have moved the 'Diary Dates' section to the front page, I hope this helps to keep you organised and on track.



Friday 19th January - 10am - FOND Meeting
Monday 22nd January - Friday 26th January - Dads and Grandads Week - see newsletter for more information
Tuesday 23rd January - Tuesday 30th January - Forest School Week
Thursday 25th January - Zoolab - see newsletter for more information
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half term - Nursery Closed
Monday 19th February - INSET Day - Nursery Closed
Monday 19th March - Friday 23rd March - Mums and Grandmas Week
Thursday 29th March - last day of term
Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April - Easter holidays - Nursery Closed
Monday 7th May - May Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June - Nursery Closed
Friday 29th June - INSET Day - Nursery Closed
Thursday 19th July - last day of nursery sessions
Friday 20th July - Family Picnic - 10.30am - 12pm

Donations

£5 termly voluntary contribution - please can I remind all families about their £5 termly donation to the nursery fund. This supports the costs of additional resources, experiences such as Forest School, materials towards making dough and cooking and even our Zoolab visit later this month. 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!

Thank you from all
the staff for their
wonderful
Christmas gifts!

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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. It is also important your child is suitably dressed for the weather inside, with long sleeves and vests. Please make sure you have updated your child's 'change of clothes bag' for the season and don't forget to check this regularly!

We are all focussing on practising being able to do our coats and zips independently this month - please help us with this and get your child to do this at home too!

Breakfast Club and Lunchclub - Breakfast Club runs from 8am each day and Lunchclub runs daily from 11.45am - 12.30pm and is a great extension to your child's session, however, we only allow extensions to your child's session if they are settled. If you are keen to extend your session, please speak to your child's key person in the first instance. Sarah in the office will be able to advise you regarding prices and terms and conditions. Don't forget, if your child is mornings or afternoons only, we also offer our extended day so they can be in nursery from 8.45am until 3.30pm.



Alison who runs our Breakfast Club hosted a 'themed' Club just before Christmas, this session welcomed new children to the club for the day which was great to see. The children decorated gingerbread and special party hats. She will be planning another themed breakfast later this term - look out for the information.

Application for 'big' school

By now you will have all completed your application for 'big school'. It is important you complete this in time for the Local Authority to consider your application. Even if you are considering a special needs setting for your child, it is important that a mainstream application is also completed.

Dads and Grandads

The week beginning 22nd January sees the start of our Dads and Grandads Week at Nursery. This is an opportunity for any Dads and Grandads to come in and spend half an hour to an hour with us to see what life is like at Nursery. It is a great opportunity for Dads and Grandads to share stories with the children and play some games. We are severely lacking in male role models in the early years sector so it is important for the children to see this. If you are able to spare half an hour of your time, please sign up on the timetable in the library area.

Zoolab

Each January, we invite the Zoolab to come and spend the day with us. The team bring along a variety of bugs and minibeasts for the children to explore. This is funded out of the donations that parents make, so please donate if you can.





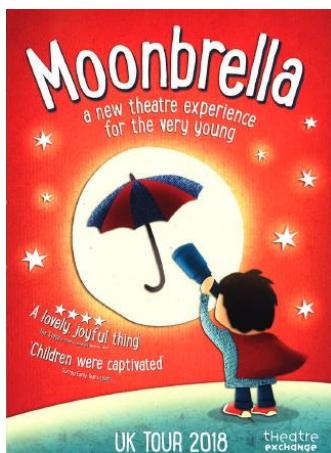
New staff

We welcome Kelly to the Nursery team this term. Kelly will be working each morning. Kelly has a wealth of experience having worked in another childcare setting in Surrey. If you have not done so already, please say hi to her!

Voice of the child

At group time the children had been discussing Jack and the Beanstalk and in particular the giant, or as the book described him, the Ogre. The children happily described what they believed an Ogre was. Fergie listened and without hesitation said "I have an Ogre at home - he's called Fletcher!" (his little brother!)

Moonbrella



The Priory are hosting a production of Moonbrella which is being run by the Theatre Exchange. It is a theatre experience aimed at young children aged 18 months to 5 years. Tickets are £6 and available from the Dorking Halls. The show will take place on Saturday 3rd March at 11am and 2pm.

Governing Body

We still have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent to join. As a maintained school we are led and managed by our Governing Body. Their role is to support, challenge and most importantly hold the leadership of the school to account. Although the role is voluntary and there is a time commitment involved, many who take up the role find it rewarding. If this is something you might be interested in, please do contact me. Alternatively, talk to either Euan's mum, Katherine or Lizzie and Charlie's mum, Kathy who are currently parent governors who will be able to tell you more about the role.



Children's Centre

Our Children's Centre leaflet for the spring term is out now, if you have not got one, then please pick one up from the drop boxes outside the front office. As always, there is lots going on at both the West Street site and the Goodwyns Road site ranging from activities for you and your child as well as parenting courses.

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<p style="text-align: center;">West Street Children's Centre Site (Term time only) West Street Dorking RH4 1BY 01306 882397 or email: reception@dorking.surrey.sch.uk Groups start on January 4th Closed half term 12th Feb-16th Feb Last Group 23rd March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Goodwyns Road Children's Centre Site (Open School Holidays) Goodwyns Road Dorking RH4 2LR 01306 740095 or email: adminnurs@dkng.surrey.sch.uk Centre open 2nd January for clinics Groups start on 4th January Closed on Monday 19th February</p>
A Sure Start Children's Centre	

No opportunities missed at Dorking Nursery!

Last Friday, one of our neighbours was having a tree cut down. This resulted in us being unable to use the outdoor area for part of the day in order to keep the children safe. This most certainly did not stop this experience from being a learning experience. The children made themselves an 'Observation Deck' to



watch the 'men at work' up the tree! One child thought the falling saw dust

was snow! The tree-fellers also donated some of their logs to us for use in our Forest School!



Who's who?

Going back to the start of the newsletter, I talked about New Years Resolutions. One of mine was to have a good tidy of the filing cabinet in my office. I had the pleasure of finding a host of old photographs from the Nursery which I will be sharing with you. This one we think is from the early 2000s when we opened our Under 3s! Do you know anyone in it? Do you have any old photographs of our nursery to share? If so, I'd love to see them!

Finally, don't forget to follow us on social media, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram



Regards
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Headteacher



Centre of excellence: Council chairman Maurice Homewood opens the nursery with the aid of some of the youngsters

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