



# News

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## Dates for your Diary

### 2017

S.N.A.P Xmas Fete 2 - 4pm

### **Christmas Performance**

Children's Christmas Party

Christmas Jumper Day

### 2018

Staff Training Day

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 - Nursery will be closed to all children on this day. Staff will be undertaking Maths Development training during the day and preparing their rooms for the New Year.

Parents whose children would normally attend this day will not be charged and the appropriate session rate will be refunded on your January 2018 invoice.

Grandparent's Week

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Group/class Photographs

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Time to be arranged.

## **Appointment of a Parent Director**

Mr Michael Hodkinson has stepped down from Parent Director Role. We would like to thank Michael for all his hard work in this role.

We would like to welcome Miss Alexandra Gordon as our new Parent Director. Alexandra can be reached on [missgordo@gmail.com](mailto:missgordo@gmail.com)

## **Butchers Blinds**

You will now see we have our butchers blinds fitted in the rooms. These are to help keep some heat in the room and keep the bugs out and more importantly to maintain free flow for play in the classroom which is a must in the childcare welfare document (03/07/17).

## **Christmas Performance**

For all Preschool children who are attending the Christmas Performance. If you are taking your child straight to the church, please ensure they arrive no later than 4.15pm ready in their costumes. When the performance is finished you may take your child home with you, remembering to sign your child out with their room Leader first please.

## **Facebook**

Don't forget we have a closed Facebook group for parents of current children only. We post regular photographs of what is happening daily and you can find reminders of events on the page. You are also welcome to post comments on here, although these will be approved by Tina/Admin before posting.

## **New Starters and Room Transitions**

If your child has just started at the nursery or recently moved rooms, please do not hesitate to talk to the staff members in the new room about how he/she is settling and any concerns you may have. If you would like to know how they are during the day, just pick up the phone - 01223 472018 - we are always happy to talk to you. Please can we ask you to try not to call between 12.00pm-2.00pm as the younger children are asleep, it is also a very busy lunch period and if no one answers please leave a message on the answerphone and we will call you back.

## **Absent Children**

If your child will be off Nursery due to sickness or any other reason, please try to let us know before 9.30am. This helps to let the kitchen know how many meals are required, and of course we do worry about them when they are not here and we have not heard from you!

## **Fundraising**

Children in Need raised £33.24 thank you to all who donated.

We raised £35.88 for our Poopy appeal thank you.



## **Staff News**

- We will be saying good-bye and all the best to Stacey Attwood (Blue Room) in the New Year. Stacey is having a career change; she is off to work in Administration. Thank you Stacey for all your hard work and commitment to the nursery over the years. We hope you enjoy your new job and wish you well.
- We will be informing parents shortly who will be taking on Stacey's role and this will be confirmed as soon as possible.
- We are also saying good-bye and good luck to Hannah Plumb (Blue Room) on 19<sup>th</sup> December 17 who is leaving us to work as a Nanny. Thank you Hannah for all your hard work and commitment to the nursery over the years. We hope you enjoy your new job and wish you well.
- Sam Swann who currently works in the Yellow Room will become the Blue Room Leader from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 and cover the remainder of Kelly Dunn's maternity absence until April 2018. Sam is a very experienced Level 3 practitioner who is very excited about her new role and joining the Blue Room team.
- Katie Lloyd who currently works in the Yellow Room will be increasing her working hours to include a Monday so will now be in the Yellow Room five days a week.
- Gemma Muir will be working in the Yellow Room 3 full days a week on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday and we welcome Kelly Gouldthorp who an experienced Level 3 practitioner to the nursery and she will also work in the Yellow Room on a Thursday and Friday.

- Millie W will be moving to Purple Room in January 2018, and taking the place of Emma D who will be supporting all rooms across the Nursery as a floating member of staff, until she goes on maternity leave.
- We would like to welcome Chloe Wells who is our new member of staff and joined us today. Chloe has experience of working in a nursery and holds a Level 2 qualification in Early Years Education and Care. She will be a float member of the team until Christmas and then be placed in the Orange Room to replace Millie. Millie's key children will be transitioned over to Chloe during the next two weeks and parents will be kept informed of what is happening.

Please feel free to talk with the staff about the changes and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask Tina.

**Happy December Birthday to:**

**Gabriel H, Rosa G, Harriet B, Tyler L, Amelia P, Sioned L, Florence M, Beatrix B,  
Megan D**

**Welcome to:**

**Joshua McL, Alexander, Charlie Mc**

**Employee of the Month**

Thank you for your nominations last year, we shall continue to recognise staff who have gone over and above their role at the Nursery. The winners are:

- January - Millie, Leisa & Stacey W
- February - Sam, Hannah, Marc & Emily
- March - Emma T & Michelle W
- April - Debbie, Shani & Stacey A
- May - Josh, Sam & Emma St
- June - Zoe, Debbie & Amanda
- July - Karen Sa, Emma W-D & Karen E
- August - Zoe
- September - Abi, Tracy, Carla
- October - Katie L, Diane C, Laura D
- November - Tracey R, Elouise G, Carla G



If you wish to nominate a member of staff throughout the year for anything which you feel deserves this recognition, please feel free to e-mail us or speak to **Tina**.



We at Sawston Nursery would like to wish  
You all a very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year