



News

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th February - Valentine's Cake Sale, contributions welcome (raising money for iPods for the rooms)

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day (details to follow)

Term Dates

15th-19th February - Half Term (pre-school term-time only children)

We shall be celebrating the following festivals:

Chinese New Year - begins 8th February

Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday 9th February (mmmm pancakes)

Valentine's Day - Sunday 14th February



Nursery Website

Please take a look at our new re-designed website, www.sawstonnursery.org, there is a parents section which has all the forms you may require and this Newsletter will also be added. The staff list has been updated and new photographs of the garden will be added once the weather improves and the garden looks tidier. Many thanks to David Jones @ Platform Twenty for all his work and patience!

E-mail Addresses

There is now a direct e-mail address to Clair (clair.snell-smith@sawstonnursery.org) for confidential matters that you would prefer not to send to the general e-mail address that Natalie and Debbie see. When the new Head of Nursery starts they will also have a direct e-mail address. Eventually we hope to phase out the current general e-mail address and have administration@ or finance@ addresses. We will of course keep you updated but for now please continue to use sawstonnursery@care4free.net for all general correspondence.

Parent Directors

Just a reminder that should parents wish to bring anything to the attention of the Directors please speak to management, or alternatively contact either of the Parent Directors:

Iain McFarlane - 01223 830679 or iain@mcfarlanes.me

Michael Hodkinson - 01223 502991, 07989 500 641 or hodkinson@gmail.com

Winter Clothing!

As the weather is colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a coat, hat, mittens/gloves and wellies at nursery for outdoor play. Particularly important for Purple Room children on their Forest School session days. Thank you.

Staff News

- Welcome to Ann Lander who has joined the Kitchen team as Kitchen Assistant.
- Welcome to Jo Cook who is currently mobile staff but mainly working in Purple Room.
- Congratulations to Sam Swann who has gained her NVQ III in Childcare & Early Years Education.

Happy February Birthday to:

Oliver H, Lily F, Eva B, Sophie M, Jasper, Lily A, Jake, Charlie B, Owen, Taylor, Lauren T and Peter

Welcome to:

Gracie-Lynn, Owen, Will

Congratulations to:

Stefan, Katie, Eleanor and Isabella on the safe arrival of Matilda
Matthew, Katie and Phoebe Brudenell on the safe arrival of Lucas

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:

- December 2015 - Michelle Williams, Purple Room (nominated by a parent)
- January - Gemma Muir, Yellow Room (nominated by a member of staff)

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 Clair.

Banking

We are receiving a lot of fee payments via cheque or cash again. Please can we ask if you would please pay via Standing Order or by a Direct Payment online? We can only get to the bank to make deposits once every two weeks and this may affect your cash flow and ours!!

For your information payments can be made to:

Account Name: Sawston Childcare Limited

Sort Code: 20 74 05

Acc. No: 60682608

Barclays Bank Plc

Please use your child's name as payment reference.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016

This campaign has started again and will continue until 3 May. The voucher collection box is in Reception. This voucher scheme really helps us to get new cooking and outdoor equipment for all the rooms. Happy shopping!