



News

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th November: **Children in Need** please wear pyjamas or fancy dress with a donation of £1

Wednesday 23rd November: **Parents' Evening** a social occasion to chat about your children and share mince pies, 6.15pm-8pm

Friday 9th December: **Christmas Party** 2.30-4.30pm (all pre-school children are invited, even if not your child's usual day to attend)

Tuesday 13th December: **Christmas Performance** - 4.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Sawston (more details to follow)

Friday 16th December: **Christmas Jumper Day** - please wear any Christmas related item of clothing (jumper/t-shirt/leggings etc) with a donation of £1 for Save the Children

Monday 19th December: **End of Term** (term time only children)

Christmas closure: We will close on Friday 23rd December 2016 and open on Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Staff News

- Goodbye and good luck to Gemma Stevens who is leaving us at the end of November for a new role as an administrator.
- Welcome to Nina Downing who joins the nursery at the beginning December as a Nursery Practitioner.
- Congratulations to Shania Moorcroft (Blue Room) on completing her CACHE Level 2 Certificate and Happy 18th Birthday!
- Happy 21st Birthday to Joshua Starling for October!

Grandparents Week

Thank you to all the Grandparents who joined us during our Grandparents Week. The children (and staff) really enjoyed showing them what fun we have at Nursery and how we learn. We hope that you all enjoyed it too!

Christmas Activities

- The Pre-school children will be holding one Christmas Performance at St. Mary's Church, Sawston. All Pre-school children who do not attend nursery on the performance date (Tuesday, 13th December) will still be invited to take part in the performances. A more detailed letter will be sent out soon.
- All pre-school children will be invited to the Christmas Party (Friday, 9th December). Children in other rooms will take part if they normally attend on the relevant day, but we do not have the space, sadly, to invite the younger children in as extras. They will, of course, be invited when they are in their pre-school year.

Autumn/Winter is here!

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a coat, hat, mittens/gloves and wellies at nursery for outdoor play. Thank you.

Fee Payments

We are receiving a lot of cash payments again, please can we ask if you would 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! As of January 2017 we will no longer be accepting cash payments for fees. Many thanks.

Session Times

Please can we remind you that the collection time for children which attend morning only sessions is 1pm, your children should not be in the room after this time. These times must be adhered to as we will not be within ratio. Equally, the afternoon session starts at 1.30pm and you will be asked to wait in reception if you arrive early. The nursery must close at 6pm promptly and all children must be collected by this time. A late collection fee will be charged. Thank you.

Happy November Birthday to:

Arabella, Lauren K, Amie, Phoebe, Olivia M, Elsa, Lewis, Lucy, Jasmine, Joshua, Jacob, Alfie, Jack, Alice, Jake, Imogen, Isla A & Benjamin

Welcome to:

Harriet

Congratulations to:

Simon, Rachel, Eloise and Imogen on the safe arrival of Lillian

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)
- February - Ann Lander, Kitchen Assistant AM (nominated by a member of staff)
- March - Emma Gouldthorp, Orange Room (nominated by a member of staff)
- April - Zoe Ashard, Purple Room (nominated by two parents)
- May - Natalie Wright, Karen Salter & Michelle Williams (all nominated by parents)
- June - Shani Wright, Marc Izard & Emma Sterecki (all nominated by parents)
- July - Kelly Dunne & Michelle Ballantyne
- August - Zoe Ashard, Emily Birtwhistle & Shania Moorcroft
- September - Marc Izard and Zoe Ashard (nominated by members of staff)
- October - Kelly Dunne, Emily Birtwhistle & Samantha Swann (nominated by parents & 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 Tina.