



News

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Dates for your Diary

2017

Children in Need	Friday 17 th November
Parents Evening	Wednesday 22 nd November
S.N.A.P Xmas Fete 2-4pm	Sunday 10 th December
Christmas Performance	Wednesday 13 th December
Children's Christmas Party	Friday 15 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 15 th December

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Staff Training Day	Tuesday 2 nd January 2018 - Nursery will be closed to children on this day. Parents whose child would normally attend that day will not be charged and the appropriate session rate will be refunded on the January 2018 invoice. Staff will be undertaking Maths Development training during the day and preparing their rooms for the New Year.
Grandparent's Week	Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February 2018
Group/class Photographs	Friday 18 th May 2018

Allotment News

We now have our very own allotment for growing fruit & vegetables for our kitchen which has kindly been donated by Sawston Parish Council. We are working towards clearing the allotment and preparing the ground for the spring in readiness for planting, where the children will be able to experience the outdoor environment, digging, planting and growing. If you would like to get involved and can offer any support or skills we would love to hear from you.

Butchers Blind

We are having butchers blinds fitted to all the backdoors so that we can maintain our open door policy and keep the heat in. The children will still be able to move in and out of the room easily at their leisure pushing between the blinds which will bounce back and keep the room warm. Please be aware, free flow is a welfare requirement where all children must have access to the outdoor environment.

Weather

As you know we had our first frost in October so could we please have named, warm coats, hats and gloves for your children. If the children get too cold outside they tend not to play outside missing out on the enabling learning environment provided.

Facebook:

Don't forget we have a closed Facebook group for parents of current children only, just search for Sawston Nursery in groups and your request to join the group will be checked and authorised. We only post pictures of children who have a completed permission form.

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 or your child's keyperson, 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 let us know before 9.30am. We need 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

Our Halloween party was very busy with witches, wizards and other scary characters. There were many cauldrons painted to make spells, scary masks were made, cakes were eaten and a great time was had by all! We raised approximately £157! Thank you to our fabulous S.N.A.P group and staff for their hard work. Thank you for all your votes for best pumpkin in the nursery. The winner is Poppy from Trolls, well done Orange room. Thank you to all the staff for taking part and your brilliant designs.

Staff News

- Welcome to Tracy Boyt who is administrator working alongside Amanda in reception.
- A very warm welcome to Becca Saunders who is a qualified Level 3 Nursery Practitioner. Becca will be a floating member of staff, supporting children & staff across the nursery.
- Welcome to Chyanne Dunne who is a qualified Level 3 Nursery Practitioner who will be working in all the classrooms.

Happy November Birthday to:

**Arabella S, Alexander S, Amie P, Phoebe B, Jasmine A, Jacob D, Joshua P, Jack L,
Lorenzo R, Freddie R, Isla A, Benjamin N**

Welcome to:

Evelyn A, Elena S, Logan B, Tyler L, Charlie M, Joshua M, Lily S

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

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**.