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Dear Parents/Carers

Winter Clothing

As you are aware, we are experiencing some very wintery weather at the moment. Please can you ensure your child has appropriate warm clothing such as hats, gloves and wellies especially for those expeditions to the Park or Forest.

A quick note from all rooms

Please can all parents, re-pack their child's bag with spare clothes including socks. We have also sent a lot of our spare clothing home for children to borrow and while we do appreciate you washing the items, your child wears home, please can you return the borrowed items. If anyone has any spare trousers that you no longer use aged 2-3 year old, please could you donate them to Orange Room.

Important Note to Parents/Carers

Please note in your diary, there will be an Easter cake raffle on behalf of Yellow room. Money raised will be spent on a water tray for the babies. We hope to raise **£100** to cover the cost so please remember to buy a raffle ticket from 27th March 2018 and you could win one of three amazing, tasty Easter Cakes made by Zoe and Katie in the Yellow Room.



Valentine's cake sale

This was a huge success, thank you to all of you who bought cakes and we hope you enjoyed them! The large sum of £85.85p was raised for Yellow room. Zoe and the Team decided to order some 'all in one' weather proof coats for the babies to wear, outside. These will keep them clean and dry in wet, cold weather.

Ofsted Inspection

We had our Ofsted Inspection on Friday 23rd February 18 where we are happy with the outcomes. The draft copy has been printed and the final copy will be live on the Ofsted website in approximately 10 days' time. We are unable to share the results until the report is published online. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent feedback form in reception, which we shared with our Inspector.

Staff News

You may be aware that we have some changes with our staffing in the nursery that will take place in April. Emma D will be going on maternity leave at the end of April and Carla will be leaving us in June to go on maternity leave. Therefore, we have relocated some of our staff to ensure we maintain the high quality of care and learning across the nursery.

Key worker changes will be notified to parents/carers on an individual basis so please be reassured that these changes will not affect the children's learning and staff are already familiar with the majority of children in all the classrooms.

Congratulations to Shania Moorcroft in the Blue Room on the completion of her Level 3 qualification in Childcare.

Good Luck Josh in the Blue Room for enrolling on your Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification.

I have attached our staffing list for April 2018, which I hope you find satisfactory.

Grandparent's week

This was a well-attended week. Thank you to all of you who came and we hope you had a lot of fun joining in with different activities and finding out more about what we do at the nursery.

The comments you gave us on our feedback form were lovely. Here are a few we received:

We/I enjoyed that staff were smiling, being jolly and they give lots of attention to the babies.

Firstly, I would like to say what it was to be invited to spend time with (our grandchild) at your nursery; meeting all the staff and of course all the other children. I enjoyed spending quality time with (our grandchild) while she was playing.

This is the third time we have attended the Grandparent's sessions and each time we leave with feelings of awe and gratitude that our grandchildren are able to have such a wide variety of experiences available.

Facebook

Just a reminder to all families that we have a closed Facebook group for parents/carers whose children currently attend the nursery. We post regular photographs of what is happening in nursery, together with photos although we do not put the children's names on these to protect the children's identity. So if you want to join us go to the Sawston Nursery page and put in

your request. This is a good place to share ideas, ask questions and you may need some information about your child's stage of learning and development.

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. Remember each child has their own key person responsible for working with your child (together with a small group of other children) giving reassurance to feel safe and cared for and to build relationships with parents/carers. Therefore, please ensure you find out from the Room Leader which member of staff is working with your child.

We understand that parting with your child at nursery can be an anxious time for some parents so we are happy for you to call the nursery during the day where we can transfer you to your child's classroom and give you an update on their day. Just pick up the phone and call us on - 01223 472018 - we are happy to help. However, please can we ask you to try not to call between 12.00pm-2.00pm as the younger children are asleep and it is a very busy time during the lunch period for staff. If you call and receive no answer please leave us a message and we will ensure that someone returns your call.

Absent Children

If your child will not be attending nursery on their session days please can you let us know as soon as possible preferably before 9.30am. We can then inform the kitchen how many meals are required, also it supports the working out of our staffing ratios and finally, we do like to know if your child is unwell or maybe just spending a day at home with family.

Happy March Birthday to:

**Charlie A, Emily H, Will J, Kristoffer CU, Sidney B, Oliver P, Sophia K, Tristan D,
William G, Martha B, Harry K, Henry P**

Welcome to:

Dorota P & Edward A

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 over the year are as follows:

- **January 2018 -**
- **February 2018 -** Sam S & Shani W (Parents votes) for their enthusiasm and development of the Blue Room.
- Millie W (Managers Vote) for stepping up and running the Pre-School in Michelle's absence.
- Michelle W (Kitchen Vote) for supporting the kitchen staff and helping with the shopping.

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 as we appreciate your feedback.**

Some Important Dates for your Diary 2018

St David's Day	Thursday 1 st March 2018
Mothering Sunday	Sunday 11 th March 2018
St Patrick's Day	Saturday 17 th March 2018
Palm Sunday	Sunday 25 th March 2018 (British Summer time begins)
Spring Term Closes	Friday 30 th March - Friday 13 th April 2018
Nursery Closed	Friday 30 th March 2018 (Good Friday)
Nursery Closed	Monday 2 nd April 2018 (Easter Monday)
Spring Term begins	Monday 16 th April - Friday 25 th May 2018
St George's Day	Monday 23 rd April 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May 2018 (Nursery closed)
Bank Holiday	Monday 28 th May 2018 (Nursery closed)
Half Term	Monday 28 th - Friday 1 st June 2018
Group/class Photographs	Friday 18 th May 2018 Time to be arranged
Training day	Tuesday 28 th August Closed

(If your child attends nursery on 28th August, your fees will be reimbursed).

Best Wishes from Tina and the Sawston Team

