

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's time for the February Newsletter from Sawston Nursery, so let's find out what's happening across the nursery during February.



### A Message from the Bluebell & Buttercup Room

Firstly, Buttercups and Bluebells would like to say good luck to Shania, who will be taking on the role as Deputy in Poppy Room, from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm Shania, we will miss you lots but we are sure you will still pop in to see us from time to time.

New keyworkers lists will be on display in Buttercup Room week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> February so please remember to have a look.

We are very excited to be welcoming Emma WD on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Emma has been very keen to join the baby/toddler team for quite some time. Story Karen will also be helping during the next month as we welcome more new starters. Karen will have the children mesmerized with her fantastic storytelling and singing (Which is two of the children's favourite activities at the moment).

The children are also currently showing great interest in animals and babies.

Therefore, this month we will be following their fascinations and learning about a wide variety of animals and their young through play.

We intend to explore this theme using different types of tuff tray activities, making animal patterns using a variety of mark making techniques, collaging to create our own unique animal species, categorising by colour, size and breed, as well as reading lots of new animal stories.

With Valentine's day nearly upon us we will also be talking about people who are special to us. It would be fantastic if you could share some photographs with us of your children with their loved ones and pets to display in the room.

Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

### What's happening in the Daffodil Room?

This month we will be following the children's love and interest of vehicles, following on with various types of transport.

We will look at how they move, where they may be seen and who might travel on them. We will be creating pictures and exploring small world tuff trays and developing our knowledge of shapes along the way.



### **A Message from Poppy Room**

This February we will be focusing on senses and Valentine day.

Firstly, can we say a huge thank you to Emma WD for all her very hard work and fun she has brought to the Poppy Room. Emma will be starting her new role on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Buttercup and Bluebell Room. We wish her lots of luck and hope she will pop in now and again to say hello.

In February we will be making smoothies, soups and will be tasting a variety of different fruits.

For our listening and vision senses, we will be going to the forest and exploring what we can see and hear in the outdoor environment.

In our tuff trays, we will have a variety of different textures for the children to touch and explore.

We will be encouraging the children to talk about how feelings and following on making our special Valentine cards for parents/carers and people who are special in our lives.

Could we please ask that if a beaker is brought in from home that it goes home every night to be washed. Alternatively, we can provide cups for children in the room.

Due to the staff changes Shani will not need to support the Poppy Room on Friday's. Shani would like to say a big thank you for making Friday's so much fun.

"It has been wonderful to see how much, the children who were in Bluebell Room, have progressed and just as wonderful to form new friendships with the children I had not met before. I will miss working with you all very much."

Emma would like to say a massive thank you for all the fun she has had working in Poppy Room.

"I have enjoyed working in Poppy Room and loved looking after all of your children. We have all made some wonderful friendships. I will miss seeing you all but will be sure to peep through the door and say hello."

### **Sunflower Room**

Thank you to everyone who bought cakes or raffle tickets to help raise some funds to buy new resources for our light panel. We managed to raise a fabulous £138.00.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our phonics evening and we are so glad that you enjoyed finding out about some of the activities that the children enjoyed.

February is going to be a busy month with pancake day fun and valentine crafts to make.

We will begin our new topic 'Zoom to the moon'. The children will explore space themed activities to support development in Understanding the World.

Please provide a warm coat, wellies and shoes, including a hat and gloves for those still colder days, as we do often go off site.

Please return any clothes that have been borrowed from nursery as our supplies are running low.

Just a quick reminder, Grandparents Day is rapidly approaching so if you have family who would like to spend some time in the nursery remember to fill in the slot on the door of your child's/ren room. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Sawston Nursery.

### **Staff News**

Well done to the following staff who have been nominated this month for the employee of the month award.

**Sunflower Room** - Managers Award to all staff in the Sunflower room for producing some quality, peer on peer observations and reflecting on their current practice.

**Katie Lloyd** - For being kind, friendly, upbeat and being so positive. Also, for working above and beyond her role with regards to caring for the children.

Thank you for all other nominations, which have been received by the staff. It is lovely to receive such positive feedback about the team and recognise their hard work in the nursery.

Remember if you wish to nominate a member of staff in the nursery for something specific please write your nomination on the post-it notes at the reception desk and post in the nominations box. Alternatively, you can e-mail Tina with your nomination.

### **Facebook**

Just a reminder to all families that we have a **closed Facebook group** for parents/carers whose children currently attend the nursery.

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 and ask questions about child development and the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

## New Starters

If your child has recently started at the nursery, please do not hesitate to talk to the staff members in the classroom, for information on how he/she is settling and to discuss any concerns you may have.

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.

**Happy February Birthday to:  
Isabelle K, Ruby S, Caret C, Daisy M, Cecily B, Jones B, Isabelle H,  
Joshua M, Ellen H.**

**Happy February Birthday to our staff:  
Jessica W, Zoe A, Shani W, Sophie L.**



## Some Important Dates for your Diary 2020

<b>Musical Bumps</b>	<b>(Second Thursday of the month)</b>
<b>Grandparents week</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020</b>
Parents Evening	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Group Photographs	TBC May 2020
Preschool Leavers Trip	TBC June 2020
Preschool Leavers Graduation	TBC July 2020
<b>Training Day Nursery Closed</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
<b>Training Day Nursery Closed</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b>
Individual Photographs	TBC October 2020
Parents Evening	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2020

Further information will be sent to you regarding the above events via e-mail so please keep a look out for details, as sometimes changes to dates are unavoidable and could change.

**Best Wishes**

**Tina and the Sawston Nursery Team.**