

Dear Parents/Carers,



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break spent with family and friends and we welcome you all back to nursery.

Let's find out what's happening across the nursery during January.

A Message from the Bluebell & Buttercup Room

We are very excited to welcome Bethany and Chloe to our staff team and we would also, like to extend a warm welcome to our new starters, Calum, Eliza, Eve, Esmee, Phoebe and their families. We hope you enjoy your time with us in the Bluebell and Buttercup Room.

Through the month of January, we will be exploring our topic, which is winter. Children will have the opportunity to create some fabulous artwork using cool colours, making our own snow and experiencing some sensory activities. This will include ice, slime, shaving foam and some other exciting textures we have in the nursery.

During our play, we will encourage children to learn about simple concepts such as Big/Little, Hot/Cold, Up and Down.

Even though the weather is damp outside, and the temperature has dropped more recently, we intend to offer free flow during the day so please ensure the children have warm appropriate clothing with them, and shoes to keep their feet warm and dry. Outdoor Learning will commence this term so if you have an all in one suit for your child please send it into the nursery.

What's happening in the Daffodil Room?

This month in Daffodil Room we welcome Paige who will be working in nursery on a Monday - Thursday and will attend college on a Friday. Paige is currently working towards her level 3 qualification in childcare and is our new apprentice within the nursery. Please say hello and introduce yourself if you haven't met Paige before.

Our focus for the month is winter where we will be looking at the frosty mornings and creating our very own frosty scenes. Children will be able to explore the ice and its cold texture whilst playing and learning through sensory play.

Children will be able to learn some key words such as snow, flakes, snow balls, slippery, cold, melting, slide and frost.

A Message from Poppy Room

Our topic for this term will be 'Sparkling Winter'



Poppy Room will be looking at the weather we experience in the winter months and the animals that live in the cold. We will explore where the animals live, what they eat and how they keep warm in the snow. Furthermore, we will be able to explore ice, and what makes it melt. Children will have the opportunity to look at how ice forms what makes it melt. We will explore salt and water to form some of our own crystal snowflakes.

Please could you bring in any spare clothes to top up the children's bag and ensure the children's wellies have their name inside.

Sunflower Room

'Winter around the World'

Sunflower room will be observing changes to the weather and environmental surroundings where we hope to make full use of some frosty mornings in our learning.

Please provide appropriate clothing for the children now the weather has changed. The children will require a warm coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies for outdoor play.

We will be helping the wildlife stay warm and well fed as we make hedgehog houses and birdfeeders to encourage the children to take an interest and care for living things.

We will explore environments, weather and homes around the world to discover similarities and differences in the way that children live, dress and the types of weather that is experienced across the world in the winter.

Staff News

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

Leisa B - For her amazing fundraising efforts showing true commitment to supporting the nursery. Thank you also for your hard work and making such a fantastic Christmas Lunch for everyone.

Abi K - For being helpful to parents at drop off time in the morning.

Bethany W - For always being so friendly, warm and welcoming informing parents how their child's day has been.

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.

Church Christmas Carols 10th December

A huge thank you to everyone for your attendance and support at our Nativity in December 2019. We managed to raise £80.00.

Our Christmas Meat Raffle

We raised a massive £136.00 and this money will be put towards our Mound Fund. CONGRATULATIONS to the Compton family who won this raffle. We hope you enjoyed your winnings.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Xmas Puddings, Chutney's Mincemeat sale

A very big thank you goes to Leisa our amazing cook who prepared all these tasty goodies for us to buy. We managed to raise approximately £136.50 for these which will be put to our Save the Mound fund. Thank you to all of our parents and staff who were fortunate enough to purchase some of these tasty treats, Thanks again Leisa.

Christmas Hampers

We all managed to raise £121.00 for the Hamper Raffle. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards the contents of the Hampers. The winners of the Hampers were grateful for all the goodies that you bought to help put these together. The winners were, Leisa and Lynsey from our staff team. The Davis family and the Kent family who have complimented you all for the amazing gifts the hampers contained.

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 January Birthday to:
Isabella B, Calum H, Matilda HW, Lucas B, Mollie D, Esmee B,
Eleanor B, Lauren W, Evelyn C

Happy January Birthday to our staff:
Katie L, Michelle W, Danielle P, Tina S

Some Important Dates for your Diary 2020

Nursery Re-Opens

Musical Bumps

Grandparents week

Parents Evening

Group Photographs

Preschool Leavers Trip

Preschool Leavers Graduation

Training Day Nursery Closed

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Individual Photographs

Parents Evening

2nd January 2020

(Second Thursday of the month)

17th - 21st February 2020

13th May 2020

TBC May 2020

TBC June 2020

TBC July 2020

7th May 2020

28th August 2020

TBC October 2020

17th 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.

