



Welcome to our new families who have recently joined us, and we hope your child enjoys their time with us at Sawston Nursery.

This month we will be focusing on settling the children into their new classrooms. Your child's key person will be spending time with the children to form secure attachments, whilst finding out about their likes, dislikes, and progression in their learning.

Staff will also be communicating, building relationships with parents, about their child, as successful relationships between parents and staff can have a long lasting and beneficial effect on a child's learning and well-being. Relationships become partnerships when there is two-way communication and parents, and staff really listen to each other.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Framework affirms that partnership working between staff and parents promotes the learning and development of all children. The key person for your child will seek to engage and support parents and/or carers in guiding their child's development at home and offer a settled relationship for the child and build a relationship with parents.

If you look at our website, www.sawstonnursery.org you can find a useful document under the heading of curriculum, and 'why play matters' which is also shown below:

[Guidance for parents/carers about your child's learning and development in the Early Years Foundation Stage](#)

This guide is for parents of children from birth to five years old. It will help you find out more about your child's learning and development in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Within the guide, you will find out about the development of your child in the first year of life. Further on you will read about the development of a toddler and two-year-old. Please take some time to read this document and if you have any question please ask as we are happy to help.

During this first half term we will be encouraging children to play cooperatively, taking turns with others. Listen to other people's ideas and be sensitive to others needs and feelings. Staff will support the children to try new activities and talk about their fascinations, so we can provide resources to organise meaningful fun activities.

Staffing

Welcome to our new team members:

Yasmin, Level 2 Practitioner - Floating Team

Natasha, Level 3 Practitioner - Buttercup Room

Welcome back - Krystina who has returned from maternity leave - Sunflower Room

Staff Nominations for this month are as follows:

Shani and Marsha – For your joyful and welcoming presence every day. The team have been a huge part of Beatrice becoming so confident and this been lovely to see (Sarah).

Michelle - For being such a great support for Abbie over the past couple of years and helping her to gain more confidence (Becky).

Parween - Nominated by Faith for her constant hard work and wonderful personality.

Michelle and Zoe - For being fantastic joint room leaders during the room merge. You are both supportive, fun, and full of amazing ideas. The children and staff adore you both (Katie L).

Josh - Nominated by Shani for being warm, welcoming, and professional during the settling visits with Buttercups new parents.

Zoe - Managers Award for your hard work, creative spark, and time you have given to the nursery over the past month. Thank you (Tina).

Thank you, parents/carers, and staff, for the nominations received this month and well done to the staff who received these.

Please remember to send your nominations to us before the end of the month if you believe a member of the team deserves a small reward for working beyond their role. Just send an e mail to tina.spencer@sawstonnursery.org and your nomination will be recognised.

Finally, you may wish to have a look at the link below called, '50 Things to Do'. This site helps parents develop their home learning environment so that far more children thrive by the age of five. As a result, more children develop the skills, language and resilience needed in school and beyond.
<https://50thingstodo.org/>

Download: THE MOBILE APP 50 Things to Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents, and carers can support their children to try out and repeat.

Download the mobile app from Apple AppStore or Google Play Store...



Important Diary Dates:

Individual Photographs	4/5 th October 2022
Parents Evening	November 2022 TBC
Christmas Day (Substitute Day)	27 th December 2022

Best Wishes Tina and the Sawston Team