

February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

We have been busy making some adjustments to the staffing structure, so we are able to accommodate our new families joining us on 6th February 2023.

We are now able to share the staffing plan with you which can be seen in this newsletter. Please be aware if your child is moving to a new classroom this term you would have been notified about this. Furthermore, Room Leaders will be sending out a letter to families to inform you who your child's key person will be if this has changed. Children will spend time in their new classrooms and familiarise themselves with their key person before transitioning on 6th February 2023.

As the weather continues to be changeable, please provide your child with a named, coat for warmth, whilst children choose to play in the outdoor areas of the nursery. Children love to explore and be adventurers so they should have appropriate clothing and spare clothing for Nursery.

You should be in receipt of your November 2022; parent evening consultation feedback form and we would be grateful if you could complete this and return it to the Nursery. We strive to make continuous improvements in the Nursery and will take your comments on board. If you did not manage to meet with your child's key person in November, we hope you managed to organise a suitable time or read through your child's parents evening form.

In Nursery we have some dates for you to put in your diary below:

- We will be celebrating Chinese New Year 2023, starting the year of the Rabbit. Children will have the opportunity to take part in different craft, dancing, stories, and sensory experiences.
- 26th January 2023 - Australian Day will take place where children will be able to create flags, make some bouncy kangaroos, aborigine arts and more (If any parents would like to contribute to our above celebrations, please feel free to contact us).
- Staff Training Days for 2023 - Friday 10th February 2023 and Friday 1st September 2023 (Nursery Closed).
- Grandparents Day - Commencing from Monday 20th March 2023 - Friday 24th March 2023. (Please note the original date was in February but we have delayed this slightly due to other events in Nursery. You will receive further information shortly).
- Group Photographs - Wednesday 7th June 2023.
- Pre-School-Leavers Party and Graduation - Wednesday 12th July 2023 (TBC)
- Individual Photographs - October 2023 (TBC).
- Musical Bumps will take place one day per month on a Wednesday.
- Super Star Sports will visit Nursery once a month on alternate days.

Staffing

We welcome a new member of staff to our team, Sarah, who has lots of experience working with children who have additional needs and will be working in our Sunflower Room this academic year.

Sadly, we say goodbye to both Marsha and Lindsey M this month. Marsha will be starting a new role at her local Rugby Club and Lindsey will be spending more time with her family. We wish them both all the best and thank them for their hard work and support.

Staff Nominations for this month are as follows

This month we would like to nominate Krystina for employee of the month. Krystina organised our magnificent raffle prior to Christmas which raised **£266.50**. We will be purchasing a small portable oven so that children have the opportunity to carry out some cooking activities, supervised and supported by staff in Nursery. This will support the children with their personal, social, and emotional development by providing opportunities for exploration, developing skills, confidence, and autonomy, and sometimes involvement for long periods of time. Also, children can learn new vocabulary spontaneously as they will often want to talk about what they are seeing and doing. Furthermore, through a range of physical skills, children can develop their hand eye coordination (Lots of learning!)

Thank you, Krystina, for your hard work organising the raffle and congratulations to all the winners.

Everyone in our Nursery team works incredibly hard, ensuring we provide a safe, stimulating environment for all children who attend. All staff are valued across the nursery for their commitment, and we are fortunate to have such a wonderful team.

If you have a nomination you would like to share, please send this 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, we are currently in the process of updating our Early Years Foundation Curriculum and will share this with you shortly so you can see our aims and objectives across the Nursery.

In the meantime, you may wish to view '***What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage: Guide for Parents***'. This document will help you find out more about your child's learning and development and what adults must do to help children to learn, develop and be healthy and safe.

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

Best Wishes and thank you for your continued support.

Tina and the Sawston Team