



Registered Charity No: 1023363

# NEWSLETTER

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Welcome back after a hopefully pleasant and restful half term break.  
This half term we welcome Mary Ellen and Lucas and their families to playschool.

## **Themes for this half term:**

- Bonfire Night/Diwali/Nocturnal animals
- Children in need week 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Preparing for Christmas

We will be taking the children to visit the residents at Keswick Dementia care home again, this time for a Christmas hat parade and to sing them some of our nativity play songs. We will confirm the date nearer the time.

We will also be decorating our Christmas tree to take to the St. Nicholas church tree festival as part of the Bookham late night shopping event on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. We will be walking with the tree, leaving playschool around 10.30.

The Dawnay School have invited us to watch their Christmas play at 10am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, and Eastwick have invited us to watch their nativity rehearsal on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December (time tbc).

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas Holidays – playschool resumes on Wednesday 8th January.**



## **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity play - for all children and families**

During the Christmas preparations, your children will be making craft items, and we will wait until the Nativity Play to send these items home.

**Please note the Christmas Nativity play will be held on the morning of 13th December instead of a normal playschool session and all children are invited – full details nearer the time.**

## ***Daily requirements***

Your child needs to bring the following to every playschool session- a clean flannel for hand drying, bottle of water (no juice please as continued sipping across the morning may cause tooth decay), warm coat / waterproof according to weather conditions and Wellington boots or other warm outside shoes they can wear for the garden and then change back into their clean indoor shoes for playing indoors. **Please feel free to send your child with a warm hat and gloves, but please do leave these on the peg or inside their wellies so they are easy for the staff and children to find.**

### ***Parent Helper Rota***

A huge thank you to the parents who have signed up to the Parent Helper Rota so far this term. Whilst recognising that everybody is very busy, we ask that, once your child has settled in, all parents/carers come to help out at playschool once every half term if at all possible. It would be particularly helpful if people could sign up for the last few weeks of term (ie all December dates) when the staff are extra busy helping the children to prepare for the nativity and to create all sorts of wonderful crafty things.

If you didn't get to sign up for a parent chat, but would like to, we will be putting the sign-up sheet for mornings for the next two weeks.

### ***Kiko Soccer Sessions***

We have the next 3 Kiko soccer sessions during the afternoons on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If your child attends the afternoon sessions and you haven't yet made the voluntary contributions, I have attached the information for payment details. We ask for a contribution of £3.50 per child per session (or £5 if you have 2 children with us).

### ***Peter Pan Christmas Post***

If your child would like to send Christmas cards a bit later in the term we will be putting out the Peter Pan Christmas post box. We will also send a list of all the children who attend playschool as well as the staff.

### ***Absence***

If your child is going to miss a playschool session or arrive later than 9.30 we would appreciate it you could either text or phone us to let us know, particularly if they are off with something contagious, then we can inform the other parents what to keep an eye out for.

If we don't hear from you, we are legally obliged to try and contact you under statutory safeguarding regulations. If we are unable to contact you, we will call those listed on your registration forms. If we are still unable to reach you, Surrey CC guidelines dictate that we must contact the local police as we have a duty of care to ensure your child is safe and well. To avoid any embarrassing and awkward situations for any of us, we really do appreciate a quick text, whatsapp or phone call to confirm your child's absence. Thank you. **07908 018924**

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