

# SUFFIELD PARK NURSERY NEWSLETTER



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## September 2016

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our returning families and we are very excited to meet all the families who are new to our Nursery this term. Many thanks to those of you who we have seen for a home visit; the information you provide about your children's learning, development and routines is invaluable and continues to be vital throughout their Nursery journey! The beginning of term has been fantastic and even though there have been a few tears the children have coped brilliantly. We have focused on establishing routines and 'settling in' at Nursery in all three rooms. Staff have made observations of the children to ensure that their interests and developmental needs are incorporated into our planning. Do let us know about your child's interests and achievements at home so that we can include these in their Learning Stories.

We work hard to plan activities for parents/carers to join in with at Nursery.

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest at Nursery by inviting parents/carers/grandparents etc to share homemade soup and rolls with the children. These sessions will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11am, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 12.45pm, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 11am and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 12.45pm. Don't worry if your child does not attend Nursery on any of these days; you are very welcome to join us at one of the sessions. Closer to the time we will provide a 'sign-up sheet' upstairs in the Nursery for these sessions.

Donations of any fresh vegetables for us to use when we make our soup would be much appreciated on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### Jeans for Genes Day- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

All children are invited to wear their jeans to Nursery and make a donation (suggested donation £1) to help raise money to help the half a million children living every day with a genetic disorder in the UK.

May we remind you...

#### Drinks

The children have access to drinking water at all times at Nursery and are offered a choice of milk or water at snack time. Additionally the children may bring their own drinks bottle from home. Please could we ask that bottles are named. We also ask that fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not provided.

#### Fee Paying Families

We offer an online transfer option to pay Nursery fees. If you would like to use this service please pop into the Nursery office where we will be able to provide you with the appropriate bank details.

#### Keeping the Children Safe in the Sun

With the continuing beautiful weather may we remind you that we expect all children have sun cream applied **before** they arrive at Nursery. Nursery staff will re-apply sun cream throughout the day as necessary. Please ensure that the children's shoulders are covered to protect their sensitive skin.

#### Late Collection

We understand that there could be rare occasions when you may be late to collect your child due to circumstances beyond your control. However, it is our expectation that you will contact us to inform us of this or any alternative arrangements made. Unfortunately, late collection of children has a cost implication for the Nursery due to changing staffing levels for the different sessions and it is therefore necessary to charge parents/carers £5 for every fifteen minutes that the child remains in our care outside their session times.



## Our Staff Team

Our staff are exceptional; they are well-qualified, experienced and extremely committed to providing the best quality of early years care and education for the children. We are all very proud to be part of the team at Suffield Park Nursery and feel privileged to work with your amazing children! All children have a Key Person with whom they build a close relationship, who is responsible for recording the child's learning and development in a Learning Story. Contributions from parents/carers to the Learning Story are encouraged (written comments, photographs etc). **If you are unsure who your child's Key Person is please ask.**

We are very aware that the Nursery environment is a busy one; especially at drop-off and collection times. However, please do let us know if you need to share anything with us or have any worries or concerns (no matter how small)- we will always make time to talk to you either upstairs or in the privacy of the office as necessary. You may also contact Hayley directly by email- [hpowell3drb@nsix.org.uk](mailto:hpowell3drb@nsix.org.uk)

Nursery Manager- Hayley Powell

Finance Officer- Kerry Lewis

Clerical Assistant- Kim Mitchell

### Rock Pool (Baby Room)

Room Leader and Guppies Key Person- Cath Ellis

Early Years Practitioner and Shrimps Key Person- Chris Flowerday

### Coral Reef (2 year old room)

Room Leader and Dolphins Key Person- Chrisey Smith

Room Leader and Octopus Key Person- Kerry Whincop

Early Years Practitioner and Pufferfish Key Person- Rianne Craske

Early Years Practitioner and Starfish Key Person- Kerri Purcell (Kerri also spends time working in The Deep Blue Sea)

### Deep Blue Sea (3-4 year old room)

Room Leader and Seahorses Key Person- Emma Waddingham

Early Years Practitioner and Jellyfish Key Person- Laura Girling

Early Years Practitioner and Turtles Key Person- Lynsey Steers (Lynsey also spends time working in The Coral Reef)

Early Years Practitioner and Crabs Key Person- Dannielle Margitson

Early Years Practitioner and Lobsters Key Person- Debbie Jablonowski

Bank Staff- Jill Jones

We also support students studying for childcare qualifications. This term we have three students who have their placements with us; Allana Walsh-Stephenson, Holly Lake and Meghan Olivey.

## Dates for you diaries...

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September- Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October- Suffield Park Infants School Open Day- Please use this opportunity to have a look around our fantastic Infants School, particularly if you are thinking about making school choices for your child for September 2017- pop in for a tour any time between 9.30 and 11.30am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Soup Session- 11am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Soup Session- 12.45pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Soup Session- 11am

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October- Harvest Soup Session- 12.45pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October- HALF TERM, Nursery closed for children who attend term-time only

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October- Nursery re-opens for children who attend term-time only

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November- Nursery Parent's Evening, 6-7pm

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December- Parent's invited into Nursery to make Christmas Decorations with the children- 9am

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Parent's invited into Nursery to make Christmas Decorations with the children- 2.45pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December- Parent's invited into Nursery to make Christmas Decorations with the children- 9am

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December- Parent's invited into Nursery to make Christmas Decorations with the children- 2.45pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December- Parent's invited into Nursery to make Christmas Decorations with the children- 9am

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Rock Pool and Coral Reef Christmas Sing-a-long- 11am (Parents/carers invited)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Coral Reef and Deep Blue Sea Christmas story and singing in the woods- 2.30pm (Parents/carers invited)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Deep Blue Sea, Christmas Performance for parents/carers- 11am

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Rock Pool Christmas Party- 1.30pm followed by Rock Pool and Coral Reef Christmas Sing-a-long at 2.45pm (Parents/carers invited)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Deep Blue Sea Christmas Performance for parents/carers- 2.30pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Deep Blue Sea Christmas Performance for parents/carers- 11am

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Coral Reef and Deep Blue Sea Christmas Parties 9.15-11.15am and 1.15-3.15pm- if your child is not at Nursery they will be invited to attend one of the party sessions.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Last day of term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December- NURSERY CLOSED

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January- Bank Holiday- NURSERY CLOSED

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January- Nursery re-opens to children who attend Nursery all year round

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January- Nursery re-opens for children who attend term-time only

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February- HALF TERM

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Holidays

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April- Bank Holiday- NURSERY CLOSED

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April- Bank Holiday- NURSERY CLOSED

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May- Bank Holiday- NURSERY CLOSED

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- HALF TERM

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday- NURSERY CLOSED

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July- Last day of term

Please look out for more detailed information regarding the Christmas events closer to the time. If anything is unclear please ask!