



Happy New Year! We are now well into a busy term for us with lots of exciting things planned. Please note dates for the diary! This term we are planning to run a joint 'Stay and Play' / parents meeting session where you will have time to play and individual time to speak to your child's key person. If you can't make the session during the day we will also be running an additional evening session just to speak to key persons.

Following our lovely Christmas trip to the Reindeer farm we have now planned our next trip to Stockley Farm. This is a full day visit on 24th March. Here the children will have the opportunity to feed and touch the animals, ride on a tractor and take part in a nature walk through the forest plus other exciting activities. I am asking if you can fill out the attached form to let me know an idea of numbers at this stage so I can arrange for transport. Finally I have attached a questionnaire for you – either one about starting Nursery school, or if your child has been here longer one about our provision. As ever please come and speak to us if you have any worries, concerns or just want a friendly chat! Amanda.

Stay and Play

Following on from our successful Stay and Play last term we are holding another one this term combined with a Parents morning/ afternoon as follows:

Monday 27 th Feb	Joanne's key group
Tuesday 28 th Feb	Laura's key group
Wed 1 st March	Gail / Janes's groups
Wed 1 st March 4-5.45pm	Parents evening for those who are unable to attend the Stay and Play sessions.



Attendance

Please bring your children to Nursery School every day unless they are sick. We have now looked at every child's attendance for last term. Please come and see us if you are concerned at all / have any problems. When children are not here they are missing things which have been planned particularly to support their development and ensure they are ready for school. We know you want to give your child the best possible start so please bring them every day and ring to let us know if they won't be in that day.

Farm trip

Can you please fill out the attached form to let us know approximate numbers for the farm trip and return it by Friday 3rd Feb.

All money to be paid by Friday 17th March



Start of sessions

Please note that nursery sessions do not start until 8.30 in the morning and then 12.20 in the afternoon. Time before this is for staff to set up and plan the environment so children cannot be taken in earlier than the start of the session. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Dummies

We are really pleased to see that the number of Dummies coming into Nursery School has dropped. There is now lots of evidence to show that they delay children's speech development and if used too often they change the shape of the teeth as they are forming. Please come and see if you need any advice / help with this.



Applying for a School Place for Sept 2017

If your child is due to go to school in September and you did not apply for a school place please come and see us ASAP

Water bottles

Please remember that children should only bring water in their drinking bottles and NOT juice. All children are provided with milk or water at snack time and have access to drinking water throughout the day.



Spare Clothes

We welcome donations of any children's clothes that you no longer need. Children at times have accidents or get wet and messy and it is useful for us to have a supply of clothes to change children into at nursery.

Snack Money

Please remember to pay your weekly voluntary contribution of £2.00 towards the children's healthy snack.



Learning Journals

Nursery School – please don't forget to bring in an A4 file for your child. These folders will belong to your child, will become a record of their learning and development, and a lovely memento of your their time at nursery school when they leave!

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS OR FAMILY LOOKING FOR NURSERY PLACES FOR THEIR CHILDREN?

We have places available and would be happy to show new parents around please spread the word!



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 13 th Feb	Nursery School closes for half term
Monday 20 th Feb	Nursery School opens
Monday 27 th Feb, Tues 28 th Feb, Wed 1 st March	Stay and Play plus Parents morning / afternoon / evening
Friday 24 th March	Trip to Stockley Farm
Friday 31 st March	Nursery School Closes for Spring Break (Easter)
Wednesday 19 th April	Nursery School Opens
Friday 26 th May	Nursery School Closes for half term
Tuesday 6 th June	Nursery School Opens
Wednesday 26 th July	Nursery School Closes for Summer

