

Headteacher - Jenny Kennedy

Daycare Manager - Christina Hadley

Welcome back after the Christmas break and Happy New Year to you all!  
We are looking forward to welcoming our new children in over the next couple of weeks and are expecting to be very busy.  
Over the Christmas period the toddler room was redecorated and is looking very fresh and smart.  
As always if you have any queries or concerns our door is always open.  
Best wishes  
Jenny and Christina

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Stay and Play session for Nursery School: 10.30-11.30 and 2.20-3.20 - Valentines Theme
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play session for Nursery School: 10.30-11.30 and 2.20-3.20 - Mother's Day Theme
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief fundraising
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Nursery School and Funded 2 year old sessions finish for Easter. <b>Day Care open as usual.</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April and Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Day Care closes for Easter
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Day Care reopens
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery School and Funded 2 year old sessions restart.

### **Parent Governor**

Nursery School currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.  
If you would be interested in getting involved with the decision making within the school or would like more information about the role please speak to Jenny.

### **Comic Relief**

We will be holding a fundraising day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March with the proceeds being divided between Comic Relief and Nursery.

Details will be available nearer the time

### **Staff Training**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June the centre will be closed for staff training (Daycare and Nursery School).

This training is statutory Safeguarding training which all staff must complete every 3 years.

### Stay and play

Nursery school will be holding the next stay and play sessions for our 3 and 4 year olds on...

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

for Valentine's Day activities and

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

for Mother's Day activities

Session times are:

10.30 - 11.30

and

2.20 - 3.20



### Snack money

Please remember to pay your weekly voluntary contribution of £1.50 towards the children's healthy snack (2 year olds and nursery school children)

As well as paying for the snack we rely on this money to subsidise trips and provide additional resources for the children.

### Outdoor Play

The children will access outdoors everyday so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing – coats and wellies at this time of year.

The learning opportunities we offer the children will mean they sometimes get messy or wet. This is what we expect when children of this age are exploring their environment. Please ensure you leave a clean set of clothes (including underwear) in a bag on your child's peg so that staff can change them when necessary.

If your 3 or 4 year old is still in nappies then we will also need clean nappies and wipes left in nursery for them.

Staff will be more than happy to support with toilet training.

### Parents' Evening

We will be holding a whole centre parents' evening on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 4.00 - 6.00pm.

Appointments will be arranged nearer the time.

### Toys!

Can you please try to discourage your child from bringing their own toys with them into nursery. These toys can often become a source of conflict amongst the children and if they go missing can cause a lot of distress.

We have lots and lots of toys here for the children - more than enough to go around!



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**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!**