

**Dates for your diary**

3rd September – Autumn term begins

13th September – *Mighty Monsters (6 weeks)*

19th September – FOSBNS Welcome Evening 4pm-6pm

28th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am-11am – all welcome

22nd -26th October – Half-term for funded children

Tuesday 30th October – Halloween tea party – 4pm-6pm, all welcome.

25th November – *FOSBNS Christmas Fair*

12th December – Christmas Production. Two productions: 9:30am & 2pm – Letters will be issued nearer the time.

21st December – End of Autumn Term for funded children. Closed: 25th Dec-2nd Jan

7th January 2019 – Spring Term

Please remember that children are expected to be in uniform.

At this time of year the weather can be changeable and as we offer free-flow play, please can you ensure that you child has appropriate clothing for all weathers, such as wellies, waterproof clothing, jumpers and coats.

We also engage in lots of water-play and messy activities. Although we provide aprons etc. children do still manage to get wet and messy so please provide a change of clothing. **Please make sure ALL clothing and bags are labelled.**

**Pick-up and drop-off: These can be very busy times where staff need to greet a number of parents and children. If you need to speak to staff at length, please arrange an appointment. If your query is urgent, please come to the office or call us to speak to a senior member of staff.**

**Reminders: For obvious security reasons, please could we urge you not to let anyone else into nursery once you have been buzzed in. We know that this may feel impolite but it is highly important that staff only buzz in one person at a time. If someone does hold the door for you please decline and buzz the room yourself. We are also unable to admit the children attending sessional hours into the building before the session begins at 8.30 am and 1pm.**

Remember to bring your child’s named water bottle each day with fresh water. Studies show that staying hydrated aids concentration, learning and development. We cannot accept juice.

Remember to check out our Facebook page for regular updates about what is happening!

**What’s happening this term?**

Bouncy Bridges and Mindfulness Moments

We are committed to ensuring that the children within our care are healthy in both body and mind. This term we will introducing Bouncy Bridges! Children will be required to participate in a rigorous 10 minute daily activity that will enhance their physical development. The children will also participate in Mindfulness Moments where they will relax and develop their wellbeing on a daily basis

Special Helpers

We have implemented a special helper system within the room. Everyday two children will be chosen as special helpers and have responsible jobs to do within the nursery environment, such as helping to clear up after snack, setting the tables for lunch and changing the calendar. Each day the special helpers will be displayed above the snack board within the room.

Ready, Steady, Bake!

This term we will be introducing cooking and baking as a weekly activity. Each key person in the room will be working with their key children one week a month. These sessions will ensure children are enhancing their learning and development throughout all seven areas of learning whilst giving children the independence to eventually bake their own cake.

Loose Parts and Natural Objects

We are continuing to explore loose parts and natural objects. These are open ended resources that continue to develop investigation and exploration in children. Please can you help us keep these resources replenished? Currently we are collecting: pine cones, conkers, corks, shells, acorns and pebbles.

Parent Zone

We are continuing to develop our use of Parent Zone to update you with any information regarding your child. Please can you ensure you are registered in order to receive up to date information regarding your child.

Children’s Fund: Our mini moneybox is situated at the entrance to our room. All money collected will go directly towards buying something for the children in our room and allows us to purchase extra resources which will benefit their learning and development.

Reminder: If you are in receipt of the 30 hours funding your code may be due for renewal. Please monitor your lines of communication as if your code is not renewed we will be unable to offer the funding.

*The Bridges*

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