

**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

1st October – Grandparent’s Day

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

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

25th November – *FOSBNS Christmas Fair*

5th December – Christmas event 9:30am and 2:30pm

21st December – End of Autumn Term for funded children

Nursery closed Tues 25th Dec-Wed 2nd Jan

7th January 2019 – Spring Term begins

Remember, children are expected to wear **uniform** from The Rivers upwards. We feel that this not only makes them look smart but also gives them a sense of being part of our nursery family. Branded and unbranded tops are both acceptable. Please make sure you label all your child’s clothing and remember wellies, coats and hats on those cold and wet days!

Please also ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle with fresh water everyday. **We cannot accept juice**. Please also bring a toothbrush and toothpaste to leave at nursery.

**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.

**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.**

If you haven’t signed up to the Parentzone or are unsure how to do so, please speak to our manager Mrs Wilkinson.

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

Partnership with Grandparents

Monday 1st October is Grandparent’s Day. We would like to celebrate by inviting grandparents into nursery to read stories. Please speak to a member of staff to arrange a time.

Christmas!

This year we will be holding a festive music and movement session on Wednesday 5th December, followed by a sweet treat and a visit from a special guest. There will two sessions (9:30AM & 2:30PM) and each will last approximately 45minutes. A maximum of 2 adults per child can attend. Please let a member of staff know which time you would prefer.

All About Me

During September we will be looking at the theme *All About Me*. We will observe the children’s likes and interests and provide play opportunities around them. Please let us know what your likes to do and is interested in at home. You can also send photos and observations via Parentzone of your home/family/pets etc…This is very helpful in sparking conversation in some children.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning between 9am-11am on Friday 28th September in our nursery hall. We would love it if you or grandparents and friends could join us. You can pre-order cake boxes to buy and take away with you on the day. Simply speak to a member of staff in plenty of time beforehand so that we can put your order in. There will also be a raffle, decorated cake competition (£2 entry) and plenty of tea, coffee and cake! If you or someone you know would like to donate a raffle prize, it would be greatly appreciated. During the week we will have cake decorating sessions with the children for £1 to further raise money.

A warm welcome to all our new starters in the Rivers! We hope you have lots of fun and make lots of new friends!

*The Rivers*

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