

**Dates for your diary**

W/C 4th November: new menu begins and will be available on our website

Christmas sing-along – 9th December 9:30am and 2pm. Speak to staff for more details.

Tuesday 24th December – nursery open as normal and then closed until Thursday 2nd January 2020

At drop-off times we really appreciate a moment to say good morning, check that everything is ok with your child and allow you to pass on any relevant messages.

**Staff News**

Mrs Reed is now our Deputy Room lead and Mrs Barclay has started the SENCO award programme with Durham County. Well done to you both!

We have extended our breakfast time to 8:30am to allow parents more opportunity to get children here for breakfast. If you want to ensure that your child has breakfast at nursery please try and get them here before then.

**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.**

Remember to bring your child’s named water bottle each day with fresh water. Studies show that staying hydrated aids concentration, learning and development.

If you haven’t signed up to the parent zone 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!

We would love you to share special moments with us by sending photographs through Parentzone, email, or by printing them off. If you have a day out, visits to the dentist, holidyas etc…we can use these to prompt conversations and spark interests with the children!

Children’s Fund: Our moneybox is situated on our windowsill. 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. Please donate £1 per week if you can. We would love to purchase a large classroom Lego pack.

We are always on the hunt for loose parts to help with imaginative & creative play. If you have any natural or recycled materials lying around, please donate them to nursery. We are always on the hunt for items like the ones listed below

* Smooth stones
* Pinecones
* Shells
* Cardboard tubes
* Old jewellery
* Picture frames

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Through our process of reflective practice, we observed that our sensory and creative areas were not being used to their full potential by the children. We changed the layout of the room accordingly and have noticed a big difference in all areas now being used effectively and the children are exploring these areas and resources in more depth and with better engagement.

Recycling week was a big success thanks to all your donations! We explored lots of opportunities using natural and reusable materials and the children also went litter picking in the local community. We believe that it is so important to teach them about sustainability so if you could contribute to our eco-brick drive it would be fantastic!

Remember, children are expected to wear uniform from September onwards. 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!

*The Rivers*

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