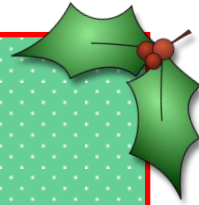




December 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents

Thank you for your lovely messages of support during the nursery closure. We are all now recovered and have put into place even stricter guidelines. Added to this, we have re-evaluated our bubbles and the use of different entrances. A specialist firm was also engaged to disinfect the entire nursery, both inside and out.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing team. They have kept the nursery open and running throughout the pandemic without once having to close, until now.

It is lovely to have you back and we hope the children will enjoy the Christmas activities that will begin soon. As ever, if you have any questions or uncertainties, please get in touch via phone or email.

Please do not leave any medication in your child's bag, it must be handed to a member of staff and a form must be completed. It is a Health and Safety issue.

Thank you to all the parents that attended Parents' Consultations.

We just wanted to thank you for your lovely comments and feedback, from the parents' consultations. From reading the emails, it is clear that you found it both useful and valuable.

We missed seeing you face-to-face; hopefully soon we can go back to some normality.

As it is getting colder, please provide your children with appropriate clothing and ensure that they bring in: coats, hats, scarfs and gloves.

Also, please can you ensure that you have labelled your child's belongings.

Thank You

Christmas Dates and Times

Jo Jingles for Cubs and Tigers

Thursday 3rd 2.00 pm

Thursday 10th 2.00pm

Cubs Sing-Along Monday 7th

Tigers Christmas Performance and

Concert Monday 14th 10 am

Hanukkah Activities Thursday 10th

Christmas Party and Lunch – Monday 16th

December 10-1pm

Christmas Holidays for Grant Only

Children:

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st

January 2021

Nursery Closed:

Friday 25th – Christmas Day

Monday 28th – Bank Holiday

Toothy Tips:

Milk, and still, unflavoured water are the only tooth-friendly drinks. All other drinks can contribute to tooth decay and tooth erosion.

Family Food First Key Message



Please let the Office know if you child will not be in during the Christmas period!

A REMINDER - ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

Mr David's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Greetings Friends – little friends and big friends!

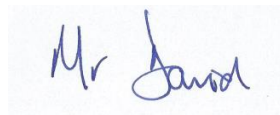
Wow! This is Nursery's last newsletter of this year: for everyone! And what an extraordinary year it has turned out to be. Not one of us might have guessed everything that has happened.

We all send you our very best wishes for December, hoping everyone on roll is ready to enjoy every moment of the party atmosphere planned. Let's celebrate a Christmas which we all wish to share and enjoy all arrangements made: morning, lunchtime and afternoon. Christmas will be a little different from previous years, but we wish to keep all the games we have practiced and enjoy most.

We are all so pleased we are back together again, and after our Christmas holidays, we will join together for the New Year and new term from Monday 4th January 2021. That we were able to remain open for 49 weeks out of 52 throughout 2020 is a fantastic achievement provided by all our dedicated, happy and reliable Staff Team. I hope you remember all their names?

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year with hopes of much happier times ahead, and let's wish for a disappearing virus!!

Love from everyone,



December 2020



Christmas Covid rules 2020 BBC

Rules apply across all four UK nations

- Restrictions remain in place for pubs, restaurants and other hospitality businesses throughout Christmas
- Free to travel in and out of other areas of UK freely between 23 and 27 December
- Up to 3 households can join up to form a 'bubble'
- A 'bubble' can meet in homes, places of worship and outdoor spaces

Communication Star Award

We are very pleased to share with you that we have received the **Communication Star Award**. We are the very first setting to receive this prestigious award. Our team works extremely hard throughout the year to ensure that children leave our setting ready to start their learning journeys.

The winner is: **Training Depot**

For the outstanding work they have done to promote early identification and intervention for SLCN's supporting both the children and families in their setting as part of the First and Foremost communication project. In addition, their communication focus has won them an award for their communication friendly environment. The parent support groups and family breakfasts provide invaluable support and are highly valued by all those who attend. The setting was described as creative, supportive and compassionate and provides a range of exceptional opportunities for parents and their children to both support and develop communication.

Has your child achieved something fantastic at home? Please use our WOW moments in the hallway to share this with us. Available in the parent's board in the hallway.



Reading to your Child

Remember how important this is...

By **reading** to **children**, you provide them **with a** deep understanding about **their** world and fill **their** brains with background knowledge. They then use this acquired background knowledge to make sense of what they see, hear, and **read**, which aids **their** cognitive development as well as empathy.

Luton Libraries Online – join online for free access to a fantastic selection of books and resources to keep you amused at home. You'll find e-books, newspapers, magazines and comics, e-learning courses and streaming services including concerts and films. You can even research your family history with Find My Past and browse the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Home Library Service -The Home Library Service is free to Luton residents who are unable to visit their local library. Books are delivered to your home on a regular basis by a team of dedicated staff and volunteers. For details on how to join this service call: **01582 491428**

Messages from the rooms...

From Cubs

*Please label your child's coat, hat and gloves with their name
Please ensure that your child arrives in shoes that are sturdy enough
for going outside. Shoes with Velcro will be fine, no slippers!
All medicines and creams are to be handed into the nursery staff,
and a form completed*

From Tigers

*Bring your children in clothing appropriate for the weather and
labelled with your child's name - hats and gloves too please
Velcro fastened shoes please, not laces, to encourage the child in
putting their shoes on themselves
Please discourage children from taking home small toys from nursery.
If you have any at home, please return them as soon as possible
Ensure bags are supplied with spare clothing especially as we are still
going outside, may get wet
We now have a separate doorbell, please be patient as staff have to
come from upstairs to open the gate. Temperatures will be checked.
Remember to socially distance during our busy times
Please support us by encouraging independence with coats, hats,
shoes, and eating*