



Autumn 2 2016 - Welcome Back!

We hope you have enjoyed the half-term break. We are really pleased how well the children have settled and we are looking forward to all this busy half-term brings in the run up to Christmas.

Thank you very much for your support and your generosity in harvest donations. We are looking forward to our parent's sessions on Friday where we can celebrate how well the children are doing with you. Thank you also for the contributions you have made to the learning journeys. Remember they belong to you so don't be afraid to make a quick note about something significant in your child's learning it could be a really important part of your child's learning!

This half term we are working hard to support each child's learning by giving them reasons to really think things through and discover things for themselves. We want to know what children's real questions are. This might be through building, creating, imagining, storying, and painting, exploring the outdoors, working with friends, developing their independence, confidence and social skills, finding exciting reasons to communicate, building up and refining their physical skills, expressing their love of dance, music and their imagination and many other playful opportunities

We recognise the importance of children continuing to use the outdoor areas for their learning at all times and in all weathers and it is proven to be essential for their health, well-being, learning and development. We have waterproofs, fleeces and wellies for every child. It is very helpful if you can support us in encouraging the children in practicing putting jumpers and their own shoes on too as this really helps their independence! As it gets colder please ensure your child has a hat, some gloves and a spare jumper or sweatshirt (marked with their name) they can use in a labelled carrier on your child's peg.

We have some special dates for this half term -

Friday 18th November – Children in Need day. Normal session times. We shall be fundraising for Children in Need by inviting the children to come wearing spots and make a £1 donation. We shall have some special activities to do during the session too.

Monday 12th December – Christmas cracker fun morning. Parents and children from both am and pm sessions are invited to come to Windsor together to celebrate Christmas by sharing Christmas craft activities together. The session will be 9.30am-11.30am. Please note each child will need an adult to attend with them.

The afternoon session will be for children and parents of new children starting with us in January 2017 to visit the nursery and to get to meet their new key person.

Friday 16th December – Christmas party day for the morning children 9.30-11.00am and 12.30-2.00pm for the afternoon children (& visit from Santa – if the children have been very good!!!) and then we break up for Christmas. Oak children return on Thursday 5th January 2016.

New starters will be coming in between 9th – 18th January

Hope this information is helpful. If you would like further details or have any questions please don't hesitate to ask us. **Remember to check out our website – www.windsorcentre.com for further information about our centre.**

The Oak Team

'Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems for them to solve'

Roger Lewin