



Autumn 2 2017 - 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 indicator of how your child learns best!

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 with the support and expertise of the staff team.

We want to know what children's real interests, drives and questions are. This might be through exploring the natural environment outdoors, working with friends, developing their independence, confidence and social skills, finding exciting reasons to communicate, building up and refining their physical skills, developing their sensory integration, building, imagining, storying, and painting,

We recognise the importance of children continuing to use the outdoor areas for their learning at all times and in all weathers and know it is 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 17th 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 Pudsey bear activities to do during the session too.

Monday 18th December – Christmas cracker fun session. All parents and children are invited to come to Windsor to celebrate Christmas by sharing Christmas craft activities together. Please note that the session for that day will be running from **10am – 12.30**. Come at a time to suit you. Please note each child will need an adult to attend with them.

The afternoon session will be for new children starting in January to visit and meet the staff team.

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas party day for the morning children 9.30-11.00am and 12.30-2.00pm for the afternoon children (& visit from Santa in the 'Windsor woods' – if the children have been very good!!!) and then we break up for Christmas on 20th December. Oak children return on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

New starters will be coming in from 4th January 2018.

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 nursery. Click on the learning tab for ideas about how you can best support your child's learning. Photos on the blog show some of the ways that children learn at Windsor.**

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

Roger Lewin