



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018 TO ALL OUR CHILDREN & FAMILIES AT WINDSOR

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas (and Father Christmas brought you what you wanted!) And wish you all the very best for 2018. We would like to say a really warm welcome back to you all. We would also like to welcome our new children and parents just starting with us and hope that you will also soon feel part of the Windsor family.

Here are a few notes to help you as we all settle back into a new term.



LEARNING JOURNEYS– Thank you very much for all your contributions in your child’s learning journey. It really helps us to share together with you in your child’s learning. All contributions – a simple note or photos are all very welcome and helpful.



LIBRARY DAYS – We know that the love of books is vital in helping children to develop into competent readers. In order to support this we have a library system available within nursery. Each family group has a day when they can choose and change their library books. Please return your child’s book on that day each week.

Tuesday – **Lynn**
Thursday – **Kay**

Wednesday – **Sharon**
Friday – **Rachel/Dal**



RHYMES and ACTIONS –We shall shortly be putting a new set of rhymes, which we are using in Oak into your child’s learning journey. We know that many parents are using them with your children. It is a simple way that really helps children develop their language, counting and memory skills. Copies are available on the website too at

www.windsorcentre.com



PHONE NUMBERS- Please ensure that we can contact you/ carer at all times while your child is at nursery for safeguarding purposes – such as if your child is taken ill, has an accident at nursery or is late being collected. **If you change your phone number, it is vital to let us know** by informing Clare or Becky at reception who will be able to update your records.

LEARNING IN THE OUTDOORS – You will know that we recognise the importance of children’s play and learning in the outdoors and we are supporting other settings to develop the learning in this area too and so ensure the children have regular access to the outdoors. Check out our website for the reasons why it is so important under our learning tab and in our blog.

We provide wellies, fleeces and waterproofs. We also have some gloves and hats however if you want to provide a hat and gloves for your child please ensure they have their names in them and that your child recognises them.

It is a very good independence skill if children can begin to help dress themselves ready for play and learning in the outdoors. The children are so pleased when they can say ‘I did it! They also are starting to help each other too. Thank you for your support in helping them to develop these life skills.

SESSION TIMES – Our session times are 8.30-11.25am and 12.30-3.25pm.

Please ensure you arrive promptly to collect your child at the end of the session and for health and safety reasons wait in the entrance until the reception staff open the door.

We are trying very hard to minimise disruption for the children at the end of the session so they can enjoy story time together. If you need to collect your child early in the afternoon to pick up other children from local primary schools, reception staff will let you into oak at 3.00pm or 3.15pm. Thank you for your understanding

SPARE CLOTHES – we always welcome trousers, pants and socks that the children have grown out of. When you have a sort through at home, please pass them on to us. Thanks

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – OAK ROOM

Final date for application to Primary school for children starting reception September 2018	To be at Civic Centre by 15 th Jan. Any parents needing help please ask Jill for a paper copy. It is vital that your application is completed on time as late applications often do not get their first choice of schools
Spring Half term Holiday	Mon 19 th - Fri 23 rd February
Dentist on site	Friday 9 th March
Parents meeting day	Tues 27 th March
Easter Funday	Wednesday 28 th March
Staff Training day	Thursday 29 th March
Easter Holiday	Children break up – Wednesday 28 th March and return on Weds 18 th April

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions about all that we offer at Windsor. We hope 2018 is a really good year for you all.

Thank you

Oak Room Team – Windsor Nursery School