

## Autumn 2 2018 - Welcome Back!



A special welcome to our new children who have joined us from 'Terrific for Two's'.

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. Thank you also for your attendance at our parents sessions. Working with you as parents really does benefit the children. 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!

We are working to support each child's learning by:-

- Giving them real motivating learning opportunities in rich stimulating environments indoors and out
- Finding out what children's real interests, drives and questions are. This might be through exploring the natural environment outdoors, working with friends and learning from each other, 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.
- Then we consider the best way of supporting their learning by tuning in to their play sensitively
- Then we see children blossom in their learning and development

**Remember to check out our website – [www.windsorcentre.com](http://www.windsorcentre.com) for information about nursery. We update it regularly. Click on the **about us tab - learning** for ideas about how you can best support your child's learning. There are helpful leaflets you can download. Photos on the blog show the many ways that children learn at Windsor.**

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 on too as this really helps their independence! As it gets colder please ensure your child has a hat, some gloves, some thick socks 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 16<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need day.** Normal session times. We shall be fundraising for Children in Need by inviting the children to come wearing spots or stripes and make a £1 donation. We shall have some special Pudsey bear activities to do during the session too.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Healthy Teeth – healthy children.** Following on from our very successful dental unit visits the dentist will be coming to speak to the children about how to keep their teeth healthy. All the children in oak will receive a toothbrush and some tooth paste too!

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas cracker fun session.** All parents and children are invited to come to Windsor to celebrate Christmas by sharing some fun Christmas craft activities together. Please note that the session for that day will be running from **9.30am – 12.00 noon**. 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.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Santa visit** (if the children have been very good!)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas party day** for the morning children 9.30-11.00am and 12.30-2.00pm for the afternoon children and then we break up for Christmas.

**Back to nursery** – Staff have compulsory first aid training on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Home visits for new starters on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**Inclusion Plus children return on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Oak children return on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Hope this information is helpful. If you would like further details or have any questions please don't hesitate to ask us.

**Finally** - if your child is starting school in September 2019 and you would like some support in applying online please don't hesitate to ask Jill

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