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Autumn 2 2019 - 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. Thank you also for your attendance at our parents sessions. Working with you as parents really does benefit the children's learning so much.

Staff have begun to put initial entries into the learning journeys which demonstrate what they have noticed about your child's learning and development. Thank you also for the contributions you make 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:-

- Assessing the developmental stage they are at
- Finding out where they are on their play journey
- Finding out what children's real interests, drives and questions are.
- Giving them real motivating learning opportunities in rich stimulating environments supported by staff with a high level of child development knowledge
- Considering the best way of supporting their learning by tuning into their play sensitively and supporting and developing their skills

When all this is in place then we see children blossom in their learning and development

Remember to check out our website – 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 15th 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 18th December – Christmas party day for the morning children 9.30-11.00am and 12.30-2.00pm for the afternoon children

Thursday 19th 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 **9.00am – 11.30am only**. Come at a time to suit you. Please note each child will need an adult to attend with them.

The children then break up for Christmas.

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

Back to nursery – Staff will be completing home visits on Monday 6th January 2020.
Children return on Tuesday 7th January 2020

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 2020 you will shortly be receiving a letter for you to apply online. If you would like some support in applying online please don't hesitate to ask Jill.

Thank you

The Team at Windsor