



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020 TO ALL OUR CHILDREN & FAMILIES AT WINDSOR

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas (and Father Christmas brought you what you wanted!) We wish you all the very best for 2020. We would like to say a really welcome back to you all.

Thank you to everyone for helping Kay have a lovely finish to her career here at Windsor – she was really touched by all the love shown and the kind comments you made to her. She loved her work here with the children. We know she will pop in sometime and make sure we are all still doing our best to ensure your children have the best opportunities to develop and learn. We are also very grateful to Kerry and Susan who are now doing a great job of looking after Kay's children.

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 your interest and 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** Wednesday – **Sharon**
Thursday – **Kerry/Susan (PM)** Friday – **Susan (AM)/Dal**



STORIES, RHYMES and ACTIONS – We know children learn a lot through sharing and retelling stories. Please let us know if your child has a favourite story at home. 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. 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.

This half term we are caring for the many birds that live in our garden who at this time of year find it hard to get food – we are planning to make some bird feeders and need a few empty plastic bottles – 1 litre and 500 ml size to make them with. If you have any please pop them in over the next couple of weeks.

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

Last day to apply for school admission for September 2020	Weds 15 th January
Training Day	Friday 14 th February
Spring Half term Holiday	Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st February
Parents meeting day with staff	Thursday 2 nd April
Spring Funday	Friday 3 rd April
Easter Holiday	Children break up – Friday 3 rd April and return on Tuesday 21 st April
Staff Training morning & Home visits	Monday 20 th April
Bank Holiday	Friday 8 th May
Photographer in nursery	Thursday 14 th May
Half Term Break	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
End of Year - Graduation	Friday 17 th July

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions about all that we offer at Windsor. We hope 2020 is a really good year for you all.

Thank you

Oak Room Team – Windsor Nursery School