

Term 2 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 – ‘The Glittery One’! The children have settled back in well after the half term break, and we are all looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

Outdoor Clothing

We go outside in all weathers, and as the weather is rapidly getting colder, please can you ensure that your children arrive with suitable clothing – coats, hats, scarves and gloves, wellies, waterproofs if you have them and plenty of changes of warm clothing for when they get wet and muddy! As you will have seen on our medium term plan, we are supporting the children to learn to put on their outdoor clothing independently.

Next Steps

You will shortly be receiving a ‘Next Steps’ sheet from your child’s keyperson. These will explain the steps that we are working towards with your child at Pre – School, and some ideas of how you can support these at home.

Applying for Schools

If your child is due to start school in 2017 you will need to begin the online application process. If you live in West Berkshire, please visit:

<http://info.westberks.gov.uk/primaryadmissions>

For those living in Oxfordshire, please visit:

https://admissions.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ccsenterprise_admissionsonline/

You can apply for schools in any area in a single application.

The deadline for school applications in both West Berkshire and Oxfordshire is January 15th 2017. Please don’t hesitate to ask if you need any further advice or support.

Extra hours

If you would like any additional hours after Christmas, please can you let me know as soon as possible. I will be handing out forms this week. Our numbers will be increasing next year, but we will be able to accommodate some extra hours in the afternoon. Please note, our Tuesday morning sessions are full.

Passwords reminder

Thank you for completing the 'password' forms. These will enable us to improve our safeguarding practice. There are still a few forms which have not yet been returned – please could we have these as soon as possible? Please let me know if you need another one. The 'Going home' book has been replaced with a form. The person collecting your child will also sign the form when they collect your child and we will note that they have shown us ID and given the password.

Cooking

The children are all enjoying our cooking activities, and we are looking forward to baking Christmas cakes with them in the next few weeks. If anyone has any cooking equipment or utensils that they are happy to donate, we would be most grateful. In particular, we are looking for a cooling rack (ideally a tiered one), measuring spoons and spatulas.

The Rhyme Challenge

The children will be taking part in the Rhyme Challenge this year. This involves learning a selection of songs and rhymes which they will 'perform' for you at the Christmas party. Details will follow shortly.

Christmas Dates

9th December. Theatre trip to see 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' at Norderm Farm

Friday 16th December. Last day of Term 2 and Christmas party. Details to follow shortly.

Term 3 starts Wednesday 4th January 2017.