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A Note from Angela

Well January has come and gone all too quick so I apologise for the delay in sending out this newsletter!

So what has 2016 got in store for Nurture?

We are anticipating that we will have our OFSTED inspection at the end of the year.

We have hit the ground running in January and the senior management team have begun a whole setting evaluation relating to all the documentation we have to adhere to including the environment, resources, teaching and learning, assessments and parent partnership. I am expecting this to take us a few weeks to gather together all the information but that at the end of it we will have a thorough and comprehensive development plan to keep us moving forward and improving for the rest of the year.

STAFFING:

We offer congratulations to Steph and Tracy who are expecting babies in May and July and also to Heather who has now completed her level 2. We are sad to say goodbye to Hannah. Hannah is moving onto pastures new, we wish her the best of luck in her future career. She has a promotion to a room leader at a Nursery closer to home.

We welcome Sian who starts on Wednesday 24th February in the 1-2 room. She joins us with 10 years experience from a local outstanding nursery.

TRAINING:

Last term saw many of our staff access external training, this includes:

- The whole team have undertaken training on Teaching and Learning and how this is reflected upon through play and also everyday experiences.
- Rachel – Characteristics of effective learning training. This focuses on how children learn through daily events and the activities children engage in.
- Kayla – Sensibility training. This

provided practical advice on behaviour management and also gave an insight as to how sensory play and activities can have a positive impact on challenging behaviour.

- Amy & Emma – Wellcomm training. This is delivered by the senior Speech and Language Therapist within the county and is a fantastic tool which can be put into place with children who may need support with their speech and language development. This has been proven that a significant amount of children respond well to this support and intervention and as a direct result may result in less referrals being made to the speech and language therapy team.
- Steph – Outdoor Learning. This has provided us with a greater insight as to how we can improve our outdoor area and also enhanced practitioners knowledge of how children's learning and development can be supported and enhanced whilst exploring the outdoors.

Future team training this term will focus on:

The Characteristics of Effective Learning and 'The Prevent Duty' and Teaching British Values.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

We are all booked on to the National Day Nursery Association conference in April and we welcome Helen our LEA Advisor in February.

As a result of Kayla being appointed as Deputy Manager for Under 2's we have had a shuffle in some of the roles within the senior management:

- Rachel – Health and Safety Officer
- SENCO
- Parent Partnership
- Kayla – Designated Safeguarding Person
- Staff induction and development

OUTDOOR CLOTHING:

Could we please ask that ALL children bring wellies and waterproofs in with them each day. The weather over the last few weeks has resulted in the garden being very muddy. Unfortunately any child who has not brought in wellies and waterproofs from home will not be able to go out to play.

ILLNESS:

It is that time of year again when both children and adults are feeling run down and lots of viruses and bugs are on the rise. With this in mind below is a link to the NHS which provides an overview of the most common services for support, advice and medical assistance. Choosing which service is right may not always be easy, however if in doubt always contact 111 who will then provide more advice.

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/AboutNHSServices/Pages/NHSServices.aspx>

FEES:

Polite reminder: Can we please remind parents that fees are due the 1st of the month in advance.

We provide childcare in good faith and when payments are late this has a knock on effect for the whole setting. Not only do your fees pay the fantastic practitioners, they also pay for your child's meals (which we do not charge extra for) and the upkeep of the building.

As per our terms and conditions a late payment fee of £25.00 will be added to all accounts with an outstanding balance after the 7th of the month and each week thereafter.

If for any reason you know you will need to drop your child off early or collect your child later than their booked session please phone the office ASAP on 0161 427 9891 as from 4th January 2016 our late collection and early drop off fee has been implemented with parents charged £1 for each minute their child is in outside their booked sessions.

Staff

We are sliding through winter and flowering into spring with our budding team Kayla, Alex, and our new seedling Sarah who has joined us from the baby room.



Kayla
Room Leader



Sarah
Nursery Nurse



Alex
Apprentice

What we have been doing

The children has loved learning all about the story of Christmas and getting familiar with Father Christmas himself!



We are looking forward to

We have a lot of exciting events and celebrations coming up this term for the children to explore and learn about.

Role play area

Currently we have our role play area as a winter market, as we go into spring we will be changing into toddler travel! if you have any holiday photos of you and your child it would be nice to display them on our wall.



Chinese New Year



This year it is the year of the monkey, and here at nurture we have plenty of those!

We have lots of activities planned such as making monkey masks and exploring oriental foods as part of a sensory activity.

Pancake Day

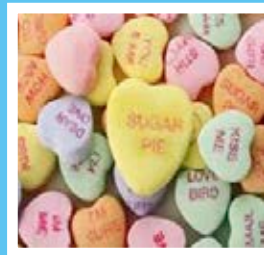


Everyone loves pancakes!

We are going to be mixing our own pancake batter and getting very messy, we also have to taste a variety of toppings to find our favourite.

Valentines Day

We will be making cards and love heart cookies for the ones that we love and care for, this will give chance to perfect our writing and drawing skills and hand eye coordination.



Easter

Easter is coming early this year!, we will be doing lots of fun filled activities such as an egg hunt inside and out and also decorating our very own eggs to take home.



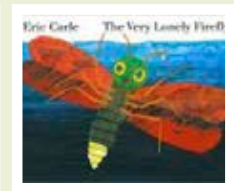


Our focus book

This term we are going to be focusing on a number of books all with the same theme.

- ★ The very hungry caterpillar
- ★ The very busy spider
- ★ The very quiet cricket
- ★ The very lonely firefly

We are going to create our very own garden in our book area bugs and all!



Songs and rhymes

We will be following the garden and bug theme with the songs and rhymes, we will be learning songs such as:

- ★ Wiggly woo
- ★ Incy wincy
- ★ Hairy Fred

Along side our flash cards and other group time activities such as colours, numbers and letters.



Other information

Connect

Please can we ensure that connect is being checked on a regular basis as nurturers post updates and messages for essentials such as more nappies and wipes.



Nursery clothes

Can all parents and carers please ensure that all children are sent into nursery with spare clothing that is labelled accordingly.





Dates for Your Diary

February half term

There will be no funding this week for children who are term time only

Mon 15th - Fri 19th February

World book day

Children are invited to dress as their favourite character

Thursday 3rd March

Easter Bank Holidays

Nurture closed

Fri 25th & Mon 28th March

Parents Evening

Thursday 31st March

Easter Half Term

No funding for children who are term time only – funding commences week beginning 18th April 2016 for children who turned 3 between January and 31st March 2016

Mon 4th - Fri 15th April

Photographer

The photographer will be in from 8am for children who want sibling photo's and their siblings attend school.

If your child does not attend on this date, they are welcome to come in for their photo's to be taken between 11.15am – 12.30pm.

Tuesday 26th April