



Newsletter



13th November 2017 - Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers

Building work update!

You will be thrilled to hear that our building work is now officially complete and we have started using the new outdoor space. The gardener has been very busy preparing this space after the building work was finished and the children now have a fantastic new outdoor learning environment. We will keep you up to date with our plans for the large area at the side of the new build. Some of the children would like a mini Crocky trail!

We have also been making some changes to our indoor area. We have added some bright new rugs and beanbags for the children to sit on. We have begun to develop a new reading area in the nursery and will be ordering some new furniture to enhance the space.

Tapestry and assessments

It has been fantastic to see so many contributions on Tapestry and they are really supporting our assessments of the children. Apologies if they sometimes take a long time before they are added to the journal, however, all assessments have to be approved by a senior member of staff. We have also received lots of WOW! moments on our special sheets and these will be added to your child's learning journey.

Toys from home

We would be really grateful if you support your child to leave their own toys and teddies etc. at home as they can sadly sometimes get lost or damaged in nursery.

Staffing

We are pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new teacher who will be joining us at the beginning of next half term. Miss Farndell will become responsible for Mrs Harrison's green group with Miss Zubir supporting her. This will ensure that the children continue to have an adult with whom they are very familiar. Miss Farndell will also be supporting the children in silver group that are accessing the 30 hour provision.

Open Day

School will be closed on Wednesday 3rd January when we will be hosting our annual Open Day for prospective parents. School reopens following the Christmas break on the **4th January**.

Christmas Concert

Wednesday, 6th December - venue St Winifred's church hall. 10.30 am and 1.30 pm. In the first instance we will be offering 2 tickets per family at a cost of £1 per ticket. We are limited to the number of tickets we offer as the church hall has a maximum capacity to adhere to. I am sure you will understand we need to keep audience numbers at a safe level.



Please can any parents/carers let us know if they have any objection to other families taking photographs or videos during the concert. We would like to make all parents aware that if we have any parents who do not agree to this we are unable to let anyone take photographs or videos. There are a number of reasons why a parent/carer may not wish for their child to be filmed and we would ask that everyone respects their wishes. As we will be walking the children to and from the church hall for the concert we do require consent from parents/carers. A little nearer the time group leaders will have a sheet for you to sign if you are happy for us to do this.

Christmas entertainment

We have the following special events for the children during the last few weeks before Christmas:

- Tuesday 12th December (am) - Magic Mark - party day
- Thursday 14th December (pm) - Magic Mark - party day
- Friday 15th December (pm) - Thingyblobs entertainer
- Monday 18th December (pm) - Thingyblobs entertainer

Parent meetings

We will be holding meetings for parents during the week beginning the 22nd January. We will send out dates and times for specific groups within the next couple of weeks. A little nearer the time we will place sign-up sheets in each group area in order for you to choose a suitable time to meet your child's group leader.

Front Door Security & Safety

As you are aware the safety and security of all our children is of paramount importance and we would therefore ask that you continue to support us with the following:

- **Please ensure that both main doors are closed when you enter or leave the building if a member of staff is not present**
- **Please remember to always place the large metal hook over the main gate on entering and leaving (this is most important during drop off and pick up times). We recognise that this takes time but are sure you will appreciate how necessary it is.**

School fund

Thank you everyone who has contributed to our school fund this half term. We request a contribution of £2 per week or a one payment of £14 for this half term. If you would like to pay this through online banking please speak to Mrs Longley for details.

Stockport Council - Road Safety Campaign

Stockport council has launched its latest road safety campaign which aims to tackle congestion around schools. Please refer to the attached document for further information.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Jenny Martin
Headteacher