

# January 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year!



## **Appropriate Clothing:**

Children need to be wearing clothes which are suitable for lots of activities like climbing, running, rolling, sitting, jumping. Dresses, jeans, shirts, Crocs, flip flops etc. are not suitable for these activities. The children need to be dressed comfortably. Suitable clothing items are tracksuits, leggings, trainers.

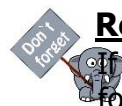
Children also need to dress appropriately for the changing weather. We will be going outside WHATEVER the weather. This means if it is raining, your child needs to be wearing a coat.



## **Outside Play:**

One common question that we hear from parents is are the children going outside if it is cold. The common belief is that children will not like being outdoors or will get sick being outdoors in the cold. Playing outside is so important for learning and has so many different opportunities for exploration. It is very important for early childhood development. Sickness is caused by a viral or bacterial infection. When children go outside, they are less likely to get sick since they are out in the open fresh air with an abundance of Vitamin D. Viruses are transmitted by direct contact, and children share toys, hug each other and touch each other, so the chance to spread infection is higher indoors than outdoors due to the type of activities they engage in and the equipment used.

**Please do not ask us to keep your child inside during the Nursery session.**



## **Reception Class Applications:**

If your child's date of birth is between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020, you should have applied for their school place.

Applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. You must apply before this date!

Only online applications are being accepted at this time. To apply please visit: [www.slough.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.slough.gov.uk/admissions)



## **Theme Days:**

The next celebration will actually be over a whole week. We will be celebrating Storytelling Week from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024. We are inviting parents to come into nursery and read a story to the children in their home language. If this is something you would be interested in taking part in, there will be a sign-up sheet in each class. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, we will have a 'bedtime story teddy bear's picnic', where children are invited to come to nursery wearing their pyjamas, and bring their favourite teddy bear (please make sure it's named) And we will welcome donations towards the picnic.

### **Parent Donations:**

Funding is often a challenge for nursery schools, and ours is no exception. We always try to make education fun and exciting for the children, and some of the activities come with a significant cost to us.

In the coming months we have 2 visitors to the nursery – April 2024 will see Basil and Crew's Farm visit the children, and in June, we will have Basil and Crew's Reptiles visit. Both days will be hands-on experiences for all the children.

The cost for these days is £490 and £580 respectively. If you would like to make a donation towards these costs, we would be extremely grateful.

Please be advised – Everyone will have access to participate in these days whether we receive donations or not.

We also welcome donations of fruit/vegetables for snack time, flour for making playdoh, porridge oats for early writing skills, and boxes of tissues.

### **Parent Workshops:**

Diane Lister, who runs our toddler playgroup and has over 40 years of teaching experience, will be running 2 parent workshops in the coming weeks.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 10.15am to 11.15am and 12.45pm to 1.45pm will be an early writing workshop.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - 10.15am to 11.15am and 12.45pm to 1.45pm will be an early maths workshop.

Spaces are limited and pre-registration is essential. If you wish to attend, please email Sarah in the school office ([bursar@chalveyeyc.slough.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@chalveyeyc.slough.sch.uk))

### **Dates for your diary:**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Reception application deadline
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January to Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Monthly celebration week
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Early writing workshop
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Teddy Bear's Picnic
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Last Day of Spring 1 Half Term
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Start of Spring 2 Half Term
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Early maths workshop
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Easter Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Summer Half Term – Nursery Closed

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance.

If you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Miss Lister – Safeguarding Lead  
Miss Hualde – Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
Mr Yanambakkam – Safeguarding Governor