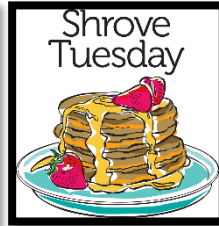


# January and February Newsletter 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

Wishing everyone a big welcome back to nursery and hope 2020 brings everyone happiness and a wonderful, fun filled year. We are into our second term already and it all seems to be going very fast already. Half term is already approaching in about 3 weeks.

We have many fun things planned this year for example our Dress Up week for World Book Day, Save the Children Charities fun days, Yearly Photographer, Graduation Party, Summer Prom and many events and activities taking place. We will keep you informed with dates and notices so please keep a look out on the doors of classrooms and windows for posters. I will also pin across to parents on emails if you request it, so you can have the information.

## **General reminders**

**Chinese New Year** - To develop the children's understanding & knowledge of different activities we are celebrating Chinese New Year. The children will have opportunities to dress in traditional Chinese costumes, make masks & dragons, learn a dragon dance & eat a Chinese menu cooked by Wendy our chef.

**Coats, shoes, wellies, hats, scarves, jumpers, etc** - Please make sure your child's names are inside their clothes, shoes and wellies. We cannot take responsibility for unnamed items as it is impossible to match unnamed items to children. We have lost property basket with items and when they are not claimed after one month they will be donated to charity.

**Mobile Phones** - Please can we remind you for safeguarding reasons do not use mobile phones in or around the nursery school. (This includes texting, phoning, playing games or taking photographs).

**30-hour checker confirmation** - Please can we remind parents who have not reconfirmed their codes since the 1st January to do so & let Reena know. If we don't receive confirmation before 31st March then children will not be able to attend for 30 hours from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Attendance** - Please can we remind you if your child is absent from nursery that you contact us (by either telephone or email) on the first day of absence giving the reason for your child's absence. If you do not contact us, we will follow this up with a telephone call. All reasons for absence are recorded in a log book. We realise attending nursery is non-statutory, however we do have a duty to record & report attendance and absenteeism. Good attendance at nursery is important in achieving success in all areas of learning & development and good practice for statutory school life.

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**Collection times** - Please collect your child on time, we do charge late fees from 1pm and 6pm. £8 is charged first 10 minutes and then £1 per minute thereafter.

**No Shoe Policy** - Please take off your shoes or wear blue covers when entering all the building classrooms. All children need indoor shoes for safety reasons and cleanliness.

**Donations** - We like having donations from our parents who bring tissue boxes, fruits, and snacks to share with the children. I would like to say a big thank you for contributions from all that do contribute and support the nursery with lovely thoughts.

**April and September New Bookings** - We are booking and taking on new children already for the new terms but again if our existing parents would also like to extend or change days please let us know.

**Spread the word** - Spread the word for Little Stars Day Nursery. We appreciate all those who highly recommend us in the community and I am sure you all can see and feel the difference within the nursery. We have a lot more to provide and serve everyone to the best we can as a team. I personally appreciate everyone who have supported me and kept me going with chocolates and coffee (chuckles)...thank you.

## Important dates for January:

- 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January Chinese New Year week of celebrations, food and activities. **Please dress in REDS and GOLDS i.e. dresses, jumpers, t-shirts, hair accessories, fun costumes for the week to celebrate.** It's the year of the Rat.

## Important dates for February:

- 12<sup>th</sup> February Wednesday Valentines party day of fun and love with friends at Nursery. Dress to impress your friends in your party clothes.
- 14<sup>th</sup> February Friday is INSET Day. Nursery is closed for a training day.
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February is half term holiday for all funded children.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

Any questions or just a quick chat, just let me know if I can help you with anything.

**Kindest regards,  
Reena**