

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

Welcome to the new nursery session, and welcome to our new children and families joining us for the first time! We hope you are feeling rested and energised for the new session. Towards the end of last year, the children were feeling excited and enthusiastic about what they may get from Santa. This week they have been enjoying sharing stories and telling both the staff and other children about the toys they received and the Christmas dinners they had! This week the children have been working on strengthening their hands and fine manipulative skills by visiting a variety of finger gym activities. For details of how to support your child's fine manipulative skills at home, please speak to a member of staff.

Spare Clothes



We are only a few days into the new term and we have already had issues with children having accidents and there being no change of clothing in their nursery bag.

Please remember to check your child's bag frequently for a clean top, trousers, pants and socks.

Unfortunately, if your child does not have spare clothes with them, we will contact you during session times to bring clean clothes should your child need changed.



Thank you!



All the staff would like to say a huge thank you for the gifts we received from you all before Christmas. We were absolutely overwhelmed and grateful for your generosity!

Thank you from us all!

Parent Group

We would like to invite all parents and carers of children in both the Willow Room and Rowan room to form a parents group. In the past we have offered drop in sessions on a monthly basis but we appreciate that this can be difficult for parents to commit to due to work commitments. Please look out for letters containing information regarding this in the coming weeks.

Planning for Children's Interests

Only a few days into term and staff are already beginning to take note of the children's interests so as to offer exciting and relevant experiences to support their learning. Following the winter break the children in the Rowan Room have been talking a lot about the family members they visited during this time and so we are going to be talking our families. We ask that you send a photo of your family in for us to display.



Willow Room



Before the holiday the children in the Willow Room were having great fun exploring the stories the Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson. This term we will be exploring her book, A Squash and a Squeeze. We have found that focusing on one book over a sustained period of time has a significant impact on the children's developing vocabulary and confidence when engaging with books. If you would like more information as to how to support your child's developing vocabulary, please talk to staff.

P1 Enrolments

Can I gently remind parents of children due to attend Woodpark Primary 1 in August 2019, to keep their allocated enrolment appointment to the forefront of their mind? Some time has passed since slots were booked, Christmas has come and gone and the enrolment appointment may have slipped your mind, however it is crucial that you attend this. Please remember to bring your child's **full birth certificate** and **two proofs of address** to this appointment. This appointment must be attended even if you have opted to defer your child's entry to P1.

 **“Help Yourself” Lending Library** 

There is a selection of new books in the “Help Yourself” lending library. Please have a browse through the library at the nursery door and choose a book for you and your child to enjoy!

Top Tip – Ask your child about a word they might not know. Be sure to follow up with, “Okay, tell me what it means.” This helps you double-check that your child is on the right track so you can inform their knowledge and help clear up any misunderstandings.

Car Park

A gentle reminder about parking at drop off and pick up times. We appreciate this is a very busy time of the day and all the parking spaces are usually taken. Even so, take care not to block other drivers in spaces and please pay particular attention not to park in or over the disabled parking bays.



Sign in



We thank you for taking the time to sign your child in on arrival to nursery. There has been a significant improvement with almost all children now being signed in. While we realise that some children enjoy doing this for themselves please remember that it is the responsibility of whoever is dropping your child off to sign the sign in sheet. Thank you!



Parent Pay

A gentle reminder that the new terms Snack and Toy Fund payment item has been activated on Parent Pay. Payments for this term must be made before **Friday the 29th March 2019.** This fund lets us buy healthy snacks for children in the nursery, have special visitors to the nursery and contribute towards the children’s trips.



Dates for your diary



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| P1 Enrolment Week | Week beginning 14th January 2019 |
| Holiday | Monday 11 th and Tuesday the 12 th February |
| Inservice Day | Wednesday 13th February |
| Photographer | Tuesday 5 th March 2019 |

Please remember to keep your eye on the Important Information Board in the entrance bubble for the most up to date information on upcoming events and nursery news!



Outdoor play and Clothing.

At this time of year, we will strive to ensure children have daily access to outdoor play. While the nursery is able to provide outdoor jackets, trousers and wellies we do not have hats, scarves and gloves. As the weather grows colder please remember to provide your child with these items as they can be outside for large chunks of the session if that is what they choose. We try to provide daily outdoor play as it has been proven to be beneficial for children’s general wellbeing.