

MILLAND VALLEY NURSERY SCHOOL

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**Term Dates 2020**

<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 7 Jan'20 – Thu 2 Apr'20</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Monday 20 Apr'20 – Thursday 16 Jul'20(12noon)</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 25 May'20 – Thursday 28 May'20</b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Monday 7 Sep'20 – Tuesday 15 Dec'20 (12noon)</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 26 Oct'20 – Thursday 29 Oct'20</b>

**Term Dates 2021**

<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 5 Jan'21 – Thursday 1 Apr'21</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 15 Feb'21 – Thursday 18 Feb'21</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Monday 19 Apr'21 – Tuesday 20 July'21(12noon)</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 31 May'21 – Thursday 3 June'21</b>

**Dates for your Diary**

<b>Quiz Night</b>	<b>Thursday 12 March 2020</b> <b>The Rising Sun @ 7.30pm</b>
<b>Walk</b>	<b>Wednesday 25 March 2020</b>

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Arrangements are now well on the way for Quiz Night - as always, your support will be greatly appreciated. Information will be sent out to you via the Nursery's email from the Quiz Organisers. TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!!! Available from Milland Stores and Nursery. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

**FEES**

The hourly rate will be increasing to £6.75 per hour. Additional charges - French on Tuesday morning for the Oaks £1.75 pw, Wednesday Music session 1pm for all children £1.75pw. These increases are necessary to help us maintain the high standards we always strive to achieve at each session through training for our staff, resources and insurance etc. Please speak to Gill if you have any queries regarding your invoice.

Invoices are sent out at the start of each half term by email and we would ask you make payment promptly. Funded children (following their third birthday) are entitled to 15 hours per week of free nursery time. There is funding available for some two year olds, but there are clear guidelines on who is eligible – dependent on income. If you would like further information please speak to Sarah/Gill.

We are open 38 weeks per year. You can pay directly into our account via bacs – our bank details are: Santander, A/c Name: Milland Valley Nursery School, Sort Code: 09-06-66, A/c No.:40249735, Ref.: your child's name.

**NEW EQUIPMENT/TOYS**

We have recently purchased a number of items from monies received at the Nativity and commission from the photographs. Here are a few of those items that the children are now enjoying:

Solar System Book and Light Projector

Figures for story sacks

CD of world playground music

2 Children's rakes  
Bluetooth speaker  
Number Rods  
Peter and the Wolf

### **HOME TOYS AT NURSERY**

We do understand and welcome new children starting with us having a "comforter" at nursery. Some younger children may also require a little support. We aim to gradually reduce the need for these items by placing them in their trays for periods of time, then in their bags in the cloakroom until they feel happy to be with us without the item. **However, some of our older children are now attending nursery with their own toys from home. This does cause the staff problems with items getting lost, put in our storage cupboard and even accidentally broken. We feel this is also undermining our "focus" week when children are invited to bring along items that are important to them. Your support would be greatly appreciated if you could keep all toys in the car or at home.**

### **CLOTHING/PERSONAL POSSESSIONS**

Now the weather is changing and most definitely colder, would you please ensure your child has warm clothing and extra layers, such as a fleece. This is of particular importance for **TUESDAY AFTERNOON and WEDNESDAY MORNING**. The children will also need gloves, hats, scarves and possibly two pairs of socks for wellies very soon. We do like to take the children out in the rain, but this is not possible if your child does not have a suitable hooded coat.

#### **WELLINGTON BOOTS ARE NEEDED EVERY DAY.**

For a variety of reasons, your child may need a change of clothes during the session. Would you please supply a spare set of clothes and leave on their pegs. Please do not use plastic carrier bags.

**\*\*\*ALL PERSONAL POSSESSIONS/CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED \*\*\*- .Lunch boxes, coats and boots a priority.**

### **LUNCH BOXES**

**\*\*\*Would you please put a cold pack into your child's lunch box to help keep the food at a cool temperature.\*\*\***

**Please check that your child's lunch box is clearly marked with their name. Sausages, grapes and tomatoes should all be cut in half down the length of the item.**

Due to the severity of food allergies, please ensure your child's lunch box does not contain any foods with a **nut** content, e.g., cereal, muesli bars etc. This will enable us to ensure there is no cross contamination. Your full cooperation would be appreciated. We would also remind you that in keeping with healthy eating PLEASE **DO NOT PUT SWEETS** in your child's lunch. Lunch box suggestions can be found on our notice board

### **WATER BOTTLES**

PLEASE make sure the bottle is clearly marked with your child's name. We will have a permanent marker to hand and would ask you please to write your child's name on the bottle. Labels do not work.

Please remember to take all your child's possessions home at the end of their last session each week – the cloakroom needs to be empty for other users at the weekend.

We are always there to help the children with their clothing, but it is important they gain independence in this area – please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

During the term we will put out all clothing that has been left at the hall. Please look through and take anything belonging to you. We will take all unclaimed/unwanted clothing to a charity shop.

### **30 HOURS EXTENDED FUNDING**

**If you are already claiming the extended funding, please check to see if you are in the “grace” period and need to renew your claim.**

The following link with help regarding the above extended funding.

[www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds](http://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds)

The extended 30 hours per week funding is available if both parents are working and earn the equivalent of 16 hours at the minimum wage per week currently £8.21p per hour (if you are a single parent and working you can also apply for the 30 hours) – there is an upper earnings limit of £100,000 per parent. The HMRC have a very good website regarding Early Years funding, together with a calculator to work out if you are eligible. Please let us know if you intend to claim the extra 15 hours.

### **SIGNING IN – SELF REGISTRATION**

Please remember to sign your child in and out at every session. These records are very important and must show an accurate account of children attending each session.

The photos kept on the table by the signing in book is the children’s “self registration”. We would ask you to encourage your child to look for their photo and place on the board inside the hall.

### **KEEPING UP TO DATE**

It is extremely important that all the information we have on record is up to date. This includes contact information (telephone numbers/emails, etc) and most important any dietary requirements/allergies your child may have.

### **ON LINE TAPESTRY/JOURNALS – CARE DIARY**

It is very important that everyone looks at their child’s journals on a regular basis. Input from home is extremely valuable, giving a much clearer picture of how your child is developing and the progress being made. There is a “Care Diary” facility that can be found under the menu tab. We are using the toileting icon. This will detail times when your child has had their nappy changed, or when it has been necessary to change clothing due to toileting.

### **WHITEBOARD**

If you see the whiteboard outside the hall, please do take a few moments to read what is on it. This is a quick and effective way to get up to date information/requests out to everyone.

### **SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY**

Staff are becoming a little concerned and worried that they might offend some of you by declining “friendship” requests on social networking sites. We would like to advise you that they are following our policy guidelines regarding this issue and perhaps it would be easier if requests were not submitted. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

### **ILLNESS**

Please read our policy “Sick Child/Illness Policy”. We would like to highlight the statement regarding children not returning to nursery for a minimum of 48 hours after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

### **CHANGE IN ROUTINE**

**If there is a change in routine regarding your child at nursery, i.e. someone else collecting at the end of the session, etc.; please enter all relevant details on the sheet in the signing in book.**

**Please telephone if there is an unexpected change and remember to let us know if your contact details have changed, i.e., mobile phone. We are unable to let children go home with anyone else without authorisation from parents (even best friends!).**

**EMAIL – mvns1@hotmail.com**

Please, please remember to check your emails. This is the quickest way for us to get information to you regarding nursery. Please let us know if your email changes.

However, if you need to speak to us, or get information to us, it is always advisable to phone.

Although we check the emails regularly, at weekends or during holidays there is always the possibility that we will not access the email address daily and therefore could miss something important.

**If you would like to make contact with other parents through our email, please speak to Sarah before doing so.**

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