

MILLAND VALLEY NURSERY SCHOOL

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**Term Dates 2020**

**Autumn Term**

**Monday 7 Sep'20 – Tuesday 15 Dec'20 (12noon)**

**Half Term**

**Monday 26 Oct'20 – Thursday 29 Oct'20**

**Term Dates 2021**

**Spring Term**

**Tuesday 5 Jan'21 – Thursday 1 Apr'21**

**Half Term**

**Monday 15 Feb'21 – Thursday 18 Feb'21**

**Summer Term**

**Monday 19 Apr'21 – Tuesday 20 July'21(12noon)**

**Half Term**

**Monday 31 May'21 – Thursday 3 June'21**

**Dates for your Diary**

**Christmas Nativity**

**Thursday 10 Dec'20 – 9.30am**

**Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 15 Dec'20 – session ends 12noon**

**NATIVITY**

Thursday 10 December. Although we will not be able to have an audience at our Nativity this year, we feel it is so important that it happens! Anna (our wonderful pianist) has kindly agreed to recording her tunes for us to sing along to. We would like to record the Nativity and wonder if there is someone who might be able to help with this. We can then put it on 'Tapestry' for you all to see. The children will all be able to attend – even if it is not their usual session. Please drop them off at 9.30 and collect them at 10.30. Please bring them in their Nativity costume. We will be in touch soon to let you know the cast list. This year we would really like to emphasise that we would much rather have a simple plain T-shirt and tights, tea towel and dressing gown, etc. Please don't feel the need to buy anything. We want to keep it as simple as possible.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Tuesday 15 December (last day of term) lots of party games, crackers and a small selection of party snacks. Any concerns please let us know regarding your child's diet. If this is not your child's normal session and you would like them to attend please speak to a member of staff. A full session fee of £20.25 would be payable. We are trying to keep this time of year as near to normal as possible for the children and as in previous years we are asking for you to provide a wrapped, clearly named gift for your child (not exceeding £5 in value). The gift should be placed on the table located outside the side entrance (previously used as your main entrance) on the morning of the party. If Father Christmas is not available due his busy schedule or Covid, a member of staff will hand the gifts out on his behalf at the end of the session. Please note the session ends at 12noon. There is NO afternoon session.

**FEES**

The hourly rate is £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.

Woodworking Wednesday morning & Thursday pm for the Oaks £6 per term.

These charges 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.

### **WOODWORKING SESSION**

This will take place Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon for the “Oaks”. For the children to gain as much as possible from this session, we would like to provide balsa wood, recommended for this age group. We are therefore asking all parents of “Oak” children who attend Wednesday to make a payment of £6 **per term** to help cover costs. This will appear on your next invoice. If you do not want to make this contribution please deduct from your invoice for this term as we do appreciate we have not provided notice of this additional cost. As from January 2021 it will be a standard charge each term.

### **SESSION ROUTINE**

**We will be using the main front wooden doors at the start of this half term. Please queue round the side of the hall towards the kitchen, remembering social distancing at all times.**

**PLEASE RE-READ AND COMPLY WITH ALL EMAILS REGARDING COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND CHANGES TO THE SESSION ROUTINES AT NURSERY.**

Sadly, all parents are asked not to enter the building. Children will need to be handed over to a member of staff at the door.

Your help and understanding is greatly appreciated.

### **HOME TOYS AT NURSERY**

**COVID-19** - We would ask you please to read all the emails sent out giving guidelines on equipment from home.

### **CLOTHING/PERSONAL POSSESSIONS**

**Please provide spare clothing for your child.** Would you please ensure your child has warm clothing and extra layers, such as a fleece. The children will also still need gloves, hats, scarves and possibly two pairs of socks for wellies. 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.

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.

**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.

#### **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 £8.72p 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.

#### **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**

**COVID-19** If your child is at all unwell, possibly showing signs of a temperature, cough, etc., please keep them at home and seek medical advice if necessary.

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 48hours 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, please let a member of staff know or phone the setting.**

#### **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. 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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