

MILLAND VALLEY NURSERY SCHOOL

Newsletter September 2020

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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

SESSION ROUTINE

MORE IN DEPTH DETAILS REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT NURSERY CAN BE FOUND IN THE EMAILS SENT OUT EARLIER. PLEASE RE-READ AND COMPLY WITH ALL EMAILS REGARDING COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND CHANGES TO THE SESSION ROUTINES AT NURSERY.

Please remember the 10am start for all new children. We feel this will provide a much smoother and calmer settling in. We have in place extra staff at the beginning of this term to help all children when needed.

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

Your help and understanding is greatly appreciated.

The sessions will all take place outside. We are in the process of purchasing another gazebo. We will only be inside the hall if it is extremely windy or wet. Due to current circumstances regarding Covid-19 activities such as walks away from the Nursery have been suspended. Sadly Anna will not be back with us for the start of this term, but we are hoping this may change in the future. We are pleased to say Veronique (French) and Ali (music) are back with us.

NEW EQUIPMENT/TOYS

We have recently purchased a number of items from monies received at the Quiz Night and from the "Leaver's" collection. Here are a few of those items that the children will be enjoying:

New Fencing to help provide a larger enclosed space to the front of the Nursery

A second Gazebo – still being sought.

Workbench – amazing new piece of equipment bought with the aid of the Leavers Collection.

Tools.

Many thanks for all your continued support.

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

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.

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. 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.

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

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.

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. 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.

This newsletter is available on the web site www.mvns.co.uk

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