

MILLAND VALLEY NURSERY SCHOOL

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**Term Dates 2021**

<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>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Monday 6 Sep'21 – Tuesday 14 Dec'21(12noon)</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 25 Oct'21 – Thursday 28 Oct'21</b>

**Term Dates 2022**

<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 4 Jan'22 – Thursday 7 Apr'22</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 21 Feb'22 – Thursday 24 Feb'22</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Monday 25 Apr'22 – Thursday 21 Jul'22(12 noon)</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 30 May'22 – Thursday 2 Jun'22</b>

**NURSERY CLOSED**

<b>Monday 3 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 6 May</b>	<b>Hall used for Local Elections</b>

**Please remember to follow all the guidelines regarding Covid-19 this half term. No change from last half term, but please do follow social distancing and the wearing of masks when dropping off and collecting. Many thanks for all your support and cooperation during these difficult times.**

**FEES**

The hourly rate is increasing to £7 (from £6.75) per hour. We hope you understand that we have, and still are, incurring extra costs regarding Covid-19 and to maintain the setting this increase is necessary. Additional charges: (remain the same)

French on Tuesday morning for the Oaks £1.75 pw,

Wednesday Music session 11am for all children £1.75pw. This will be a new addition to some of you on your invoice due to the change of time for the music session.

Woodworking - Wednesday pm & 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.

If you intend claiming Extended funding (15 hours universal + 15 hours extended) 30 hours per week, please remember to do so in plenty of time. You will need an eligibility code to enable us to claim this

on your behalf. Extended funding needs to be applied for direct with HMRC. This funding is based on both parents working (one parent if single parent family).

### **CARPARK**

We do appreciate you are being asked to queue outside when dropping off, but we must stress the importance of keeping your children by your side at all times. The car park can be extremely busy during this period and children should not be playing in this area.

### **KINDERMUSIK**

We are really please to welcome back Ali for our weekly music sessions. The session will take place outside whenever possible. Should it be necessary for the session to take place indoors due to adverse weather conditions, we will ensure all suitable protocols are in place to keep everyone safe.

### **FOCUS WEEK**

The Focus Week list is attached. Please check and make a note of the date your child's focus week takes place. Information on your child's interests and activities at home should be forwarded to your keyworker/journal the week before to enable us to prepare the week.

### **WOODWORK**

The children have great fun during this activity and we wondered if you might have any spare resources at home that would help. We are looking for small locks, hinges, chains and hooks that the children could use for connecting and working with. We do not currently need nuts and bolts (unless they come as a pair and are in good condition- not rusty).

### **SESSION ROUTINE**

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHEN DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING YOUR CHILD.**

**We will be using the main front wooden doors. Please queue round the side of the hall towards the kitchen, remembering social distancing at all times. WE DO NOT CURRENTLY WANT THE BLUE PLASTIC TRAYS AT NURSERY (existing families).**

**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. Individual arrangements can be discussed.

Your help and understanding is greatly appreciated.

### **NO HOME TOYS AT NURSERY PLEASE**

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

### **CLOTHING/PERSONAL POSSESSIONS**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH PANDEMIC GUIDELINES WINDOWS ARE KEPT OPEN DURING THE SESSION.**

**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.

**Please provide spare clothing for your child.**

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**

**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.**

This newsletter is available on the web site [www.mvns.co.uk](http://www.mvns.co.uk)

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## Focus Children

	Date	Name	Interests
1	19/04	Ted Perring (Cha)	
2		Kiki Brown (Je)	
3		Nico Jarvis (Jo)	
4		Zoe Starkey (L)	
5	26/04	Leo Buckle (Ch)	
6		Saoirse Hunter (Cha)	
7		Rufus Chappell (Je)	
8		Robyn Cridlan (Jo)	
9	3/05	Nora Skillern Little (Je)	
10		Florence Bretten (L)	
11		Thomas Briggs (S)	
12		Jack Kelland (Cha)	
13	10/05	Jasper Johnston St (Ch)	
14		Rupert Higham (L)	
15		Tilia Platt (Jo)	
16		Sebastian Tull (Je)	
17	17/05	Eleanor Knight (Ch)	
18		Alice Spiegelberg (Je)	
19		Maria Goree (S)	
20		Finley Reid (Ch)	
21	24/05	Molly Farrant (Je)	
22		Hannah Findlay (S)	
23		Bodhi Carter (Ch)	
24		Catherine Noonan (S)	
HALF TERM			
25	07/06	Jack Brinded (Cha)	
26		Joshua Ralph (Lis)	
27		Ruth Cogman (Jo)	
28		Emily Mills (N)	
29	14/06	Arlo Naldrett (Cha)	
30		William Briggs (Jo)	
31		Oscar Bates (Ch)	
32		Julia Rimmer (N)	
33	21/06	Jack Brinded (Cha)	
34		Poppy Morten (Cha)	
35		Maddie Fletcher (N)	

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