

MILLAND VALLEY NURSERY SCHOOL

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Term Dates 2021

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

Autumn Term Monday 6 Sep'21 – Tuesday 14 Dec'21(12noon)

Half Term Monday 25 Oct'21 – Thursday 28 Oct'21

Term Dates 2022

Spring Term Tuesday 4 Jan'22 – Thursday 7 Apr'22

Half Term Monday 21 Feb'22 – Thursday 24 Feb'22

Summer Term Monday 25 Apr'22 – Thursday 21 Jul'22(12 noon)

Half Term Monday 30 May'22 – Thursday 2 Jun'22

SPORTS DAY Monday 28th June at 9.30 am

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.

SPORTS DAY

We are hoping that this will go ahead outside and that you will all be able to come and watch and participate!!! Unfortunately, we cannot tell what the rules will be then so we will keep you posted. If it is wet, we will still go ahead but it will be inside.

LAST DAY OF TERM

We will be doing a presentation to our leavers starting at 11.30. It would be lovely if you could join us as we wish our children moving on the very best of luck. The session will finish at 12. Historically some families have had a picnic on the field after the session – fingers crossed you will be able to go ahead with this.

LEAVERS -PERMISSION TO PASS ON TAPESTRY

As part of our transition for our leavers, we liaise with the feeder school with your permission. **Please ASAP, put an observation on Tapestry giving us permission to share your child's journal and to discuss the children** eg "I give my permission for you to share’s Tapestry journal, any reports and to discuss anything to help their transition on to school". The conversations will commence after half term. Once your child has had their final report with their keyperson, we will make it possible for you to download the journal as a keepsake of their time with us.

FEES

The hourly rate is £7 per hour.

Additional charges:

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 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.

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 bunting, towards the kitchen, remembering social distancing at all times. Children are allowed behind the bunting but there will be no staff on hand outside. Please keep them away from any equipment or toys that are out for the session.

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 (unless it is your child's 'Focus week')

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 still has warm clothing and extra layers, such as a fleece. The children will also still need sunhats, 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** including socks!

SUNNY DAYS AND SUNCREAM

Please ensure your child has sun cream on. We can help re-apply at lunchtime but only if they have a named sun cream in their bag. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A LONGSLEEVED LIGHT WEIGHT TOP** to help prevent sunburn.

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.

*****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. Whilst we have no noticeboard, we are happy to help with lunch box suggestions

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

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. We also use the First Aid facility, so if your child has an accident, we will ask you to sign our ipad. The download will then be emailed to you.

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

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