

MILLAND VALLEY NURSERY SCHOOL

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Term Dates 2021

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

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION Dress rehearsal 6th Dec 9.30am

Production 7th Dec 9.30 am

CHILDREN IN NEED Thurs 18th Nov

SHOP BIRTHDAY Mon 29th Nov

Please remember to follow all the guidelines regarding Covid-19 this term. We will keep you posted on any changes but currently whilst mask wearing at the moment is optional, staff would appreciate it if you would please wear one if you enter the setting. We will continue with thorough and regular hand washing for the children and staff. Hand sanitiser will be available. Please ensure no extra toys come in from home. Equipment at the nursery will be cleaned regularly. We will continue to spend as much time outside as possible providing a varied curriculum for the children.

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. **PLEASE RING AND DO NOT EMAIL or TEXT US AS WE DO NOT HAVE TIME TO KEEP CHECKING FOR EMAILS AND TEXTS.** Emails are fine for absences or things that are not immediate

Children in Need Thurs 18th Nov

Spots- clothing, face paints and crazy hair with the emphasis on not spending any money on outfits, but donating! Let your child be as crazy as they like!

Milland Community Shop is celebrating their 10th birthday and they have kindly invited the nursery for a 'Babychino' (lactose free alternatives available) on the morning of 29th Nov. We will also be painting a Christmas decoration there

Christmas Production 6th and 7th Dec at 9.30

This year we have decided to break with tradition and do a play about a little fir tree! We all felt it would be great to have a change. We will send out songs for you to practice with your children and will tell you soon what part they will play. All the children will be involved and if this is not your child's usual session, it would be lovely if they could attend the dress rehearsal and the production. Please do not worry if this is not possible, but please let us know.

Unfortunately, we will not be allowing an audience this year but will once again have it filmed and you will be able to access the film. We will however hold a raffle as this is always very popular!! If you would like to donate a prize, that would be much appreciated! Also if you are able to sell raffle tickets in the morning queue that too would be amazing!

Last Day of Term 14th Dec 19-12 noon

There will be lots of party games, crackers and a small biscuit with fruit salad. 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 £21 would be payable. Please provide a small gift (value around £5 max) wrapped with your child's name clearly labelled on it. There will be a sack round by the back door and we are hoping Father Christmas will visit!

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.

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

We will be using the main front wooden doors. Please queue round the side of the building, 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.

Unless your child is a 'new' child please do not come into the setting. Children will need to be handed over to a member of staff at the door. Individual arrangements can be discussed.

While we will be meeting on a termly basis to discuss your child's wellbeing and progress, if there is anything that occurs that is of that day's concern and might affect the enjoyment of the session please

don't hesitate to mention to the staff on the door or ask for a brief chat with a member of staff at drop off.

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 has very warm clothing and extra layers, such as a fleece, gilet to wear inside. The children will need warm hats and gloves, 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!

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.

We feel the 'bag for life' system is working so well.... In fact it is the only good thing to have come out of the covid epidemic!

*****ALL PERSONAL POSSESSIONS/CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED ***- .Lunch boxes, water bottles, 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

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.

FOCUS CHILD

This is when your child will have a chance to share their interests with us. The week before we will have a chat with them, asking them what they like doing, any particular interests or what they've been up to. It would really help us if you can put anything on Tapestry the week before to prompt us and your child. For example, a trip to the beach and then maybe your child could bring in some shells they had found. Photos are great too. This week really helps us to get to know your child and see how we can help expand their play and learning.

OAK OR ACORN?

Several people have asked me what group their child is! Acorns are up to the year before school, Oaks are the final year at nursery before reception.

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.

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.

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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