

Fire Station Trip

Everyone had such an amazing time at the fire station! The children were so well behaved (especially on the #1 bus!) the children met the fire fighters, rode in the truck, tried on the outfits and even sprayed the hose! Then we enjoyed a gorgeous picnic in Malpas and visited the park! We have set another date to go again for the children that missed it last time.

Egg Nominations

Using our facebook page Sandy Bear is going to be nominating parents to decorate and display a real egg their children have decorated at home. You will either boil or blow out your egg, decorate and display then post a picture tagging Sandy Bear and 2 other parents to nominate! The best egg posted by the 22nd April will win a prize! Sandy will be making the first one and posting next week! How egg-citing ;)

Sun cream

As it is getting to some sunnier weather we will be providing children with factor 50 sun cream, it is so much easier for us to provide this and apply the same to all rather than rooting through 25 bags every day! However if your child has sensitive skin or for any reason you would like us to use another cream please inform a member of staff on the day and place the sun cream in a labelled bag. Thank You

Hats

Along with sun cream hats will be in use again so just a note to remind you to label all hats and belonging that come into Sandy Bears. It is so difficult to keep track of which item goes with which child and names help us so much!

Toys

Lots of children have been bringing toys into Sandy Bears, this is done at parents own risk of loss or breakage.

Bounce Photography

After the successes of our last shoot Bounce are coming back to do some spring pictures! It is free of charge for all parents to have the shoot and receive proofs of their childrens pictures. From the 22nd April Bounce will be in on the mornings of that week. To make it easier for dressing in gorgeous photo outfits we will be putting up signup sheets in the cloakroom so parents will know what day and time their child is in front of the lens! Please ask Laura or Astone if you would like any more information.

Easter Holiday Club

We are so looking forward to welcoming our grown up bears back for holiday club this easter! There is so much planned for the schoolers from

bonnet making, easter egg hunts, woodland trips, picnics, fire station trip and much more!

Bank Holidays

Please remember we are CLOSED on bank holidays this month which land on Friday the 18th and Monday 21st April. Enjoy the long weekend ☺

Parents Comment Box

A comment box will be appearing in the cloak room this month. This is for any comments you would like us to see, this could be 'wow' moments or stories for your child's learning journey, an opportunity to praise a member of staff or particular activity your children have loved and also a place for you to provide suggestions for improvement. These can be named or anonymous and we will be displaying some examples above the box so you get an idea of what can go in!

Upcoming Dates

There is a new list of upcoming dates on the display board behind the front door.

Messy Play Day

Our annual messy play day is on the 7th May. There will be a morning session and afternoon session and parents and grandparents are all invited to come and get messy. We create displays showing the benefits of messy play and have indoor and outdoor stations showing a wide variety of messy play (most of which can be made with household items costing next to nothing). Can't wait for you all to attend.

September

Lots of parents are already increasing hours for September (especially children who get 3 year old funding) and we have a waiting list for our baby room. If you are thinking of increasing hours please talk to Laura or Astone as soon as possible.

Recommendation Vouchers

We have handed out some FREE 9-3 sessions this month to Ann Powell who recommends us to a new parent who signed up to Sandy Bears. If a new parent puts your name on their sign up forms you are entitled to 2x 9-3 sessions free of charge!! Well worth it ☺

Parents Committee

The parents committee was again a brilliant chance to go over ideas and bring up suggestions and comments about life at Sandy Bears. Our next meeting is the 4th June at 6pm, we look forward to seeing everybody then! If you would like to join our team please speak to Laura or Astone.

Eco Day

A massive thanks to all the parents who came to our eco day or provided things for us to use! Our outdoor area looks amazing we have so many colourful plants and our planted seed are beginning to grow! The children can't get enough of watering them and studying their growth every day! We just need to make sure Bramble & Jasper don't start snacking on them ☺

PJ Day

All the children loved PJ Day so much that we are doing one again! This will be the 13th June for our summer slumber party. Again we ask for a 50p donation towards our outdoor area ☺

Grandparent Stay & Play

On the 14th May we will be inviting all grandparents to a stay and play session. All the children talk so much and so highly of their grandparents that it would be lovely to meet them and for them to explore Sandy Bears too! It will take place at 1.30pm-3pm and we will provide lots of cups of tea and biscuits! Please let us know if you have people attending so we can cater for numbers.

Mums Night Out

Due to low numbers of our last mums night out (silly Sandy picked Mothers Day weekend! ;)) we have rearranged this for 26th April @ 6.00pm. We have had some requests to go local so this will be at Kamals Indian in Tattenhall. Please email sandybearsnursery@live.co.uk or facebook us to let us know if you are attending!

Dads...

Details will follow in May for our Dads Night Out after the mums have been our guinea pigs!

Staff News

As most of you will already know our lovely Beckie has returned to Sandy Bears this month, she is working 2 days in the baby room and 2 days in big bears so will be a familiar face to all. Beckie is taking on Leannes hours as she has found a job elsewhere.

Some sad news to tell...Sophie who works in the baby room has also decided to accept a post at another setting. We realise that there has been lots of staff changes recently and that you are all having to get used to lots of new faces. Laura and Astone *always* have the children's best interests at heart and when hiring look only for candidates who intend to stay at Sandy Bears long term. Obviously, people's intent changes and things out of our control change their career paths. We will not be hiring anyone new to fill

Sophie's place, instead Laura will be upping her hours in the baby room to provide a familiar and constant support for babies and families. Alongside Laura and Beckie, Sue will start after Easter as previously planned (we hired Sue last month, she is a mother and grandmother and has worked at an 'outstanding' setting for the last 6 year ☺). We hope that you will all support our new members of staff and be reassured that the increased presence of Laura and Astone throughout both rooms will make this an easy transition for all of the children.

Thank you for your continued support
Enjoy Easter everyone, love Sandy x

