



November Newsletter

Once again our staff have filled in questionnaires to help parents and children get to know them a little better, we hope you enjoy reading ☺

Name: Laura Yates

How long have been at Sandy Bears? 4 years

Position at Sandy Bears: Manager + Owner

Star sign: Libra

Pets: Barney (Cocker Spaniel dog) Lola (Cat) Bramble + Jasper (SB Rabbits)

Lives with: Husband, Joe

Favourite colour: Purple + Green

Favourite food: Pizza, Mushrooms, Goats cheese

Favourite drink: apple juice or a rose' Sprits ;)

Favourite animal: Sloth or Panda bear

Favourite TV program: gogglebox at the moment

Favourite movie: The Beach + Catch me if you can

First pets name: Peter rabbit

Favourite nursery song: 5 Cheeky Monkeys

Favourite actor: Leonardo DiCaprio!

What was the name of the last book you read? The Alchemist

Whats your favourite childhood memory? Crabbing with my dad and camping ☺

Favourite game you use to play as a child? Den making, climbing trees, bug hunting

What is your favourite part of Christmas? Family time

Sunshine or snow? Sunshine

Worst habit: Forgetfulness!

Hobbies: Sandy Bears events, walking Barney

If you could choose 1 super power what would it be? To be invisible

What would you buy if you could have anything in the world? A big house + Holiday home

What are you doing this weekend? Spa day booked from my Birthday ☺

Why do you work at Sandy Bears? I wanted to make a difference to childrens learning and development. Here I can do that and ensure they have the very best start in life!

What's your favourite thing about Sandy Bears?

The staff all really care and love the children here, it's a home from home and we always have plenty of fun and mess while learning!!! It's the best way! - to have a hands on approach! ☺

Name: Astone Mackintosh-Smith

How long have been at Sandy Bears? 3 ½ years

Position at Sandy Bears: Deputy Manager

Star sign: Gemini

Pets: hopefully a kitten soon...!
Lives with: Partner Callum
Favourite colour: Orange
Favourite food: So tough...chinese probably!
Favourite drink: Apple and Soda, Rose on weekends
Favourite animal: Giraffe or anything that's little and fluffy!
Favourite TV program: Gogglebox, GBBO, The Apprentice!!
Favourite movie: The Shawshank Redemption, The Lion King, Drive
First pets name: Sooty
Favourite nursery song: Build a Little House
Favourite actor: Ryan Gosling
What was the name of the last book you read? My Sisters Grave
Whats your favourite childhood memory? Being at my grandparents in Scotland, building dens!
Favourite game you use to play as a child? Curby
What is your favourite part of Christmas? Food and Family
Sunshine or snow? Snow
Worst habit: Being nose y,
Hobbies: Reading, eating out
If you could choose 1 super power what would it be? To fly!
What would you buy if you could have anything in the world? A trip travelling the world
What are you doing this weekend? Going to Chester for drinks and stripping wallpaper :/
Why do you work at Sandy Bears? Because I feel like I make a difference to children and their families and that feels amazing. I feel very lucky that I love my job.
What's your favourite thing about Sandy Bears? That the ethos of the setting matches how I personally feel children should grow and learn...and that we have fun!

Name: Beckie Williams
How long have been at Sandy Bears? 2 ½ years
Position at Sandy Bears: Baby Bears Room Leader
Star sign: Aquarius
Pets: Princess the Cat
Lives with: Brother
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite food: Chinese
Favourite drink: Hot Vimto (or Malibu and coke)
Favourite animal: Lion Cubs
Favourite TV program: gogglebox, 8 out of 10 cats, x factor
Favourite movie: Patch Adams
First pets name: Tweety Pie the Canary
Favourite nursery song: Walking through the Jungle
Favourite actor: Robin Williams
What was the name of the last book you read? Llama Llama Red Pyjama to the kids!
Whats your favourite childhood memory? BBQ on the beach in Cornwall
Favourite game you use to play as a child? Whats the time mr. wolf
What is your favourite part of Christmas? Decorating the tree
Sunshine or snow? Sunshine
Worst habit: saying "like" a lot and leaving things around
Hobbies: guitar
If you could choose 1 super power what would it be? Teleportation
What would you buy if you could have anything in the world? A house 😊

What are you doing this weekend? Christening and Ambers dance show
Why do you work at Sandy Bears? Because I love the relationship between the staff, parents and children and the activities.
What's your favourite thing about Sandy Bears? I love watching the children develop, supporting children and parents, finding ways to promote learning through play and messy play!

Name: Laura Silverwood
How long have been at Sandy Bears? 3 months
Position at Sandy Bears: Big Bears Room Leader
Star sign: Libra
Pets: 3 cats, George, Vinnie and Dudley
Lives with: Partner and Sister
Favourite colour: Purple
Favourite food: Lasagne
Favourite drink: Apple juice / Disaranno + Coke
Favourite animal: Zebra
Favourite TV program: Hollyoaks, X Factor
Favourite movie: Harry Potter
First pets name: JInx
Favourite nursery song: Rock a Bye Baby
Favourite actor: Channing Tatum
What was the name of the last book you read? The Help
Whats your favourite childhood memory? Going to Florida
Favourite game you use to play as a child? Dinosaurs
What is your favourite part of Christmas? Smell of Christmas dinner
Sunshine or snow? Sunshine
Worst habit: Playing with my hair
Hobbies: Baking/cooking
If you could choose 1 super power what would it be? Time Turner
What would you buy if you could have anything in the world? Holiday home
What are you doing this weekend? Going to Farmaggedon
Why do you work at Sandy Bears? I enjoy having a positive impact on childrens futures and working at Sandy Bears enables me to do that
What's your favourite thing about Sandy Bears? The children!!

Name: Kim Beaumont
How long have been at Sandy Bears? 2 months
Position at Sandy Bears: EYT
Star sign: Virgo
Pets: Gaudi my spaniel puppy and 2 goldfish Seth + Summer
Lives with: Partner Jon
Favourite colour: can't decide – I'm too fickle!
Favourite food: Italian
Favourite drink: Aperol Spritz
Favourite animal: my puppy
Favourite TV program: Madmen
Favourite movie: Casablanca
First pets name: Tess
Favourite nursery song: Hey Diddle Diddle
Favourite actor: Paul Rudd
What was the name of the last book you read? Persuasion
Whats your favourite childhood memory? Caravan holidays in Wales in October

Favourite game you use to play as a child? Enchanted Forest board game
What is your favourite part of Christmas? Decorating anything and everything!
Sunshine or snow? Both together
Worst habit: Nail biting
Hobbies: none but now I have moved into my new home I want to horse ride again
If you could choose 1 super power what would it be? To stop time
What would you buy if you could have anything in the world? A fleet of beetles!
What are you doing this weekend? Walking my dog in Parkgate
Why do you work at Sandy Bears? Because I am very lucky ☺ I have always wanted to achieve a position like this after my studies, in a place as nice as this.
What's your favourite thing about Sandy Bears? All the smiley faces I see every day make me happy everyday

Name: Sue McKelvie
How long have been at Sandy Bears? 6 months
Position at Sandy Bears: Nursery Nurse
Star sign: Aries
Pets: 1 dog 3 cats and 5 fish
Lives with: Gary, Alex, Hanna and Jack
Favourite colour: Purple
Favourite food: I don't have a favourite food but I do enjoy cooking
Favourite drink: Whisky
Favourite animal:
Favourite TV program: NCIS
Favourite movie: Jumanji
First pets name: Dylan
Favourite nursery song: Mondays Child
Favourite actor: Mark Hamon
What was the name of the last book you read? I can't recall the last one but I am reading Discovering your past lives. Reading is not a pastime I do much as I am dyslexic
Whats your favourite childhood memory? A holiday in Cypress
Favourite game you use to play as a child? Elastics
What is your favourite part of Christmas? Celebrating the birth of Christ and spending time with my family
Sunshine or snow? Sunshine
Worst habit: forgetting things
Hobbies: painting, and quilling
If you could choose 1 super power what would it be? To be invisible
What would you buy if you could have anything in the world? Yamaha MTO1
What are you doing this weekend? Nothing exciting I'm afraid just housework, shopping and homework with my youngest.
Why do you work at Sandy Bears? To enhance children's learning and understanding of the world around them.
What's your favourite thing about Sandy Bears? Playing with the children ☺

Name: Lauren Bell
How long have been at Sandy Bears? 3 months
Position at Sandy Bears: Level 3 Placement
Star sign: Taurus
Pets: dogs, chickens, geese and ducks
Lives with: Mum, Dad, Sister and Neice
Favourite colour: Purple

Favourite food: Chocolate
Favourite drink: Diet Coke
Favourite animal: Dog
Favourite TV program: Gossip Girl
Favourite movie: PS I Love You
First pets name: Bella
Favourite nursery song: Old McDonald
Favourite actor: Bradley Cooper or Gerard Butler
What was the name of the last book you read? Thirteen Weddings
Whats your favourite childhood memory? Being in Abersoch
Favourite game you use to play as a child? Making Dens
What is your favourite part of Christmas? Putting up decorations
Sunshine or snow? Sunshine
Worst habit: Biting Nails
Hobbies: shopping
If you could choose 1 super power what would it be? To be invisible
What would you buy if you could have anything in the world? A Boat
What are you doing this weekend? My cousins 21st Birthday
Why do you work at Sandy Bears? Lovely environment with lovely children
What's your favourite thing about Sandy Bears? Walking into the baby bears room
and seeing the children excited to see me.

Name: Vicky Pearce
How long have been at Sandy Bears? Since May 2014
Position at Sandy Bears: Nursery Nurse and Keyworker in Bear Cubs
Star sign: Cancer
Pets: 2 cats. Tigger and Pip
Lives with: My fiancé Dan and our Son Charlie
Favourite colour: Purple/ Dark Red.
Favourite food: Pasta/Roast dinner
Favourite drink: Tea/ Wine.
Favourite animal: Cats
Favourite TV program: Friends/ Blacklist
Favourite movie: Little Mermaid
First pets name: A cat called Katie
Favourite nursery song: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
Favourite actor: Chris Hemsworth (Thor)
What was the name of the last book you read? Fifty Shades.
Whats your favourite childhood memory? Sitting on my mum knee.
Favourite game you use to play as a child? Hide and Seek
What is your favourite part of Christmas? All of it!!!!
Sunshine or snow? Sunshine
Worst habit: Leaving things around so Dan has to pick them up. lol
Hobbies: Art and craft and reading.
If you could choose 1 super power what would it be? I would like to fly.
What would you buy if you could have anything in the world? A house.
What are you doing this weekend? We are celebrating Charlie's 2nd Birthday.
Why do you work at Sandy Bears? Because it's a great place to work. The children
are great and so are the Staff
What's your favourite thing about Sandy Bears? The laughter. There is never a dull
moment!!!

Name: Tara Weaver

How long have been at Sandy Bears? 4 months
Position at Sandy Bears: Cook
Star sign: Aquarius
Pets: 2 chickens
Lives with: husband and 2 daughters
Favourite colour: blue
Favourite food: Pasta
Favourite drink: Coffee
Favourite animal: Chicken
Favourite TV program: Great British Bake Off
Favourite movie: Grease
First pets name: Larry the Lamb
Favourite nursery song: Twinkle Twinkle
Favourite actor: Adam Sandler
What was the name of the last book you read? Princess Stories with my daughter
Whats your favourite childhood memory? Spending time with my Dad
Favourite game you use to play as a child? Curby
What is your favourite part of Christmas? All of it ☺
Sunshine or snow? Snow
Worst habit: used to bite nails
Hobbies: socialising and time with my family
If you could choose 1 super power what would it be? Turning back time
What would you buy if you could have anything in the world? Nothing-happy with what I have
What are you doing this weekend? Kiddies birthday party and being with my girls and hubby!
Why do you work at Sandy Bears? Because I love cooking

What's your favourite thing about Sandy Bears? Everyone has made me feel so welcome and playing with the children and that my daughter is very happy here! Lots of things ☺

Clothes Recycling

We are once again collecting all your old and unwanted clothes which will be collected on the 24th November. If you would like to have a pre-Christmas clear out then please put clothes in carrier or bin bags and drop them off at 9am on the 24th November.

Thank You

Staff of the Term

We would like to thank everyone who has nominated staff members for staff of the term, it really means a lot for the staff to hear such lovely, personal support from parents and gives us all a boost to keep delivering the best care we can. We are delighted to announce Beckie has been awarded staff of the term ☺ Well done Beckie!

Our next staff of the term will be announced next February so if you would like to nominate drop them in the box in our cloakroom!

Policies

We have once again completed our yearly update of policies. These are in a file in our cloakroom and are available for parents to read. Alternatively if you would like these emailing please let Laura or Astone know and we can arrange this for you.

Recommendations

We would like to say thank you to Gill Roderiques for recommending us to two sets of families who signed up with Sandy Bears! As she was noted on their registration forms she was given 4 free 9-3 sessions to use with us.

Holiday Club

Holiday club was so much fun catching up with lots of old faces and spending all our time having halloween fun! Our highlights were the ZooLab session, Astar sports, drama fun with Petite Acting Academy and our amazing ghoulish extravaganza party! Thank you to all the little ones who came and made it so much fun!

Children In Need -14th November

This year we will be having a cake sale stall outside Sandy Bears to raise funds for Children In Need! But we need your help... mums, dads, grandmas, aunts, uncles... get your baking shoes on! We have until Friday 14th November 11am to bake bake bake and sell lots of yummy cakes for a good cause ☺ Thank you x

Xmas Cards

As you may know we have had all your little ones designing extra special christmas cards. Very soon you should have your 'prototype' with your individual design on. Once you receive these you will be able to order packs of these professional cards in sets of 12. Please speak to any member of staff for more information.

Parents Committee Meeting

We had a brilliant parents committee meeting this term where we came up with lots of brand new and exciting ideas! Thank you to everyone who attended, if you would like to join our team please speak to Astone or Laura, all welcome!

Photographs

Photographs will be Tuesday 11th November from 9.15am. If this is not your child's usual day please speak to Laura or Astone and we can book you a time slot, if you wish to bring along siblings or have a family photograph just let us know! This will make a great Christmas gift ☺ This time we are going with a different company called Mo & JO photography!

Nativity

After much thought and discussion with our parents committee team we have decided to have our nativity this year at 9.30am on Thursday 18th December. We hope this helps out you busy working parents.

Christmas Party

This year our Christmas party will be from 11-1pm. We have a magician at 11am, followed by party food Christmas activities and games! We do ask for a small donation of £1 per person on entry. ☺

Christmas Holiday Dates

Our holiday dates for Christmas are as follows..

Sandy Bears *shut* for *all* children 22nd – 26th December.

Sandy Bears reopens for nursery contracts Monday 29th

Shut Thursday 1st Jan.

Reopens for Term Time children Monday 5th January

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Winter Wonderland

Due to our summer open day being rained off (twice ☹️) we have planned a Winter Wonderland fun day. We are welcoming Elsa and Ana to provide some Frozen fun and songs and will be providing mulled wine, egg nog, mince pies and hot dogs for a little winter warmer alongside some brilliant themed activities! This will take place on the 13th November 10.30-12.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thanks

We would like to thank Emma Doyle for coming in and lending a helping hand in our Big Bears room this term and making our display look lovely! Thanks Emma.

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings will begin week commencing 19th January and run for around 2 weeks. Keep your eyes peeled for our sign up sheets on room doors, key workers will also remind parents what days and times they will be available. Remember your key workers is always available to talk and you can arrange a time to chat whenever you like. You can also ask to see your child's learning journey but we do ask for 24hours notice just so key workers can get last little updates in for you to see.

Invoices

If you do not receive an invoice please let Astone or Laura know as soon as possible, these can naturally be misplaced from time to time, to avoid a late payment charge

Parent Mail

We have signed up to 'Parents Mail' a service that will allow us to send all parents a text message with details of anything from reminders of events to notice of closure due to adverse weather ect. Please fill in the form with two numbers, the first number will be your primary number which all urgent updates will be sent. The second will also receive any none urgent updates. Please remember to keep your numbers up to date to ensure you have full use of this service!

Parent/Guardian Mail Consent Slip

Childs Name:.....

Number 1: Parent/guardian name:.....

Number 2:..... Parent/guardian name:
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