



December Newsletter

Staff News

We are sad to inform you Kim will be moving on from her post at Sandy Bears. She will be working over Christmas and into the New Year so we will inform parents of her key children their new key worker after the Christmas break. We wish Kim lots of luck for the future. If you have any questions regarding this change please don't hesitate to contact Laura Y or Astone.

Some of our staff attended an exuberant movement play workshop. This taught the ways in which children learn through movement. From this course the girls have implemented a 'movement & play' area in which the children are allowed to jump, roll, twist and throw in any way they want to for a set period of time. There is minimal adult input allowing them to explore their bodies and how they move independently. If you would like more information on this please speak to Gemma!

We have some fantastic news from Eboni, her and her partner Max are expecting a baby due next May ☺ We are all very excited to support her on this journey! We will keep parents posted with her maternity dates.

Last month we challenged staff to make some 'Story Spoons' to support children in their literacy development. All the entries were so good we gave each entrant a bottle of wine ☺ The overall winner was Laura Silverwood with her Gingerbread Man Spoons! She has won a £30 shopping voucher. Well Done Laura!

Gemma is very near the end of her Level 2 apprenticeship and we are delighted to say we will be continuing her employment as an Early Years Practitioner whilst she studies her Level 3 ☺

Lauren has also begun completing her Level 5 in Management & Leadership in Children and Young People's Services. Well Done Sandy Bears staff!

Holiday Dates

A final reminder of our holiday dates...

CLOSED from 21st December – 28th December.

REOPENS for 'all year round' children on 29th December.

New Years Eve we **CLOSE** @ 3pm.

CLOSED New Years Day.

REOPEN for ALL children Monday 4th January 2016.



Nativity & Christmas Party

Our nativity and Christmas party will be held on *Friday 18th December*. Tickets for the Nativity and Party will be £2 per adult. All funds will go towards our Outdoor Climbing Frame Fund (see totalator on the front door!!).

Our nativity will begin at **9.20am**. We ask that all children who are partaking in the nativity but may not attend Sandy Bears arrive **10 minutes** before the start. The Nativity parts are as follows...

Mary – Rosie

Joseph – Freya P

Shepherds – Arran, Jack, Tom

Angels – Georgia, Ella-Mary, Freya Q, Jasmine, Amelia

Donkey – Leo

3 Wise Men – Jacob, Oliver, Joshua

All other children will be part of our 'Choir' and we ask that they are dressed as Stars or in Christmas Jumpers 😊

Following our Nativity we will be having a Christmas Party, a magician will start at **10am** and we will have some sandwiches and cakes afterwards! All parents and children are welcome to stay for this, or you can come in after the nativity just for the magician and party!

If you would like a nativity ticket please speak to Laura Y or Astone.

Bear Cubs News

Rufus Bear has been enjoying lots of adventures with our Bear Cubs this month, playing outside with Bo, pumpkin picking and a tea party with Phoebe, the zoo with Ella, baby ballet with Eva and going to the Lake District with Albie! Thank you for all the effort Mums & Dads have been putting into his book 😊 Keep your eyes peeled for more adventures...

Some of our Bear Cubs have been attending Rhythm and Rhyme Time at Tattenhall Library where they sing songs and have story time with other toddlers from the local area!

We are starting a parent lending library in Bear Cubs which will give parents the opportunity to borrow literature that the staff have been using to implement new things in the room each term. This term we have some information on schemas which all parents are welcome to borrow, please speak to staff or look on the back of the door for more details!

Shopping Offer

To help parents with their last bits of Christmas shopping we are offering a discounted rate for 8-1pm/1-6pm sessions. These will be charged at £20 a session! If you would like to book a session (subject to availability) then please speak to Laura Y or Astone and quote 'Santa'!



Reports

All children's reports have now been sent out to parents, we hope you enjoyed reading them as much as we enjoy writing them. Thank you to all parents who have returned these with comments, key workers appreciate these very much.

Parents Evening

A reminder that parent's evenings are being held for a fortnight commencing 30th November. If you haven't already please see the sign-up sheets on the back of the front door.

Parents Committee

Our next meeting will be on Monday 11th January 2016 at 6.10pm. Please let us know if you would like to join these meetings 😊

Bear Hunt

Sandy Bears are doing a sponsored Bear Hunt around Tattenhall village between the 7th-11th December. To take part all your child needs to do is collect sponsors from their family and friends and log these on our sponsor sheets which are stuck to Big Bears door. The child who collects the highest amount of sponsors will win a prize! There will be numerous hunts throughout the week so all children will have the chance to take part!

Sandy Bears Mobile

Sandy Bears now has his very own mobile phone. This will be kept by management allowing us to text remind to parents (ie party days, sudden closure ect). It will be taken on all trips and outings so we are contactable by parents at all times. Parents can use this number to request additional days/ invoice info / report an absence or any other information you may want to send to us. The number of this phone is 07432653313. We are still available at any time via our email sandybearsnursery@live.co.uk and our Facebook page 'Sandy Bears Nursery & Pre-School' and in working hours on 01829770889.

Everyone at Sandy Bears would like to wish all of our extended families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, thank you for making our year a memorable one <3