



February Newsletter

Staff News

We have some news regarding Sue who works at Sandy Bears. Unfortunately due to family commitments Sue is unable to dedicate her time to Sandy Bears so will be leaving us on the 18th of this month. We wish Sue and her family all the very best for the future and thank her for her time spent here ☺



Dates for Diary

Sandy Bear has been getting organised and putting dates on the calendar for the rest of the year, here they are as follows...

Friday March 20th - Grandparents Stay & Play 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Thursday April 23rd - Dad Stay & Play 1.30pm-2.30pm

Saturday 2nd May - Eco Open Day 11-1pm

Friday 19th June - Messy Play Day 10-12pm

Saturday 5th December - Winter Open Day 11-1pm

Thursday 9th July & Friday 17th July - Water Play Day 10-12pm & 1.30-3pm



More details will follow on each monthly newsletter as to what each of these will entail!



Pick Up Times

A few parents may have noticed some late pick up charges, you will receive one of these if you pick up late. You will be charged £5 per 15 mins, for example if you pick up at 1.05pm you will be charged £5, if you pick up at 1.25pm you will be charged £10. Thank you for your cooperation.

Crackerjacks Children's Trust

A reminder of our Pyjama Fun Day that we are holding for Crackerjacks Charity this year. They support children and families dealing with severe disabilities so we want to support this worthy cause (and it's a good excuse to wear pyjamas all day ☺).

This will be held on Friday 13th February and we ask for a £2 donation per child. If you would like to sponsor any more than this there will be a Sponsor Form in the cloakroom. This money will help so many children and families so a huge thank you in advance.



Super Heroes/Heroines Week

A reminder to Big Bears parents that our theme over the week commencing 2nd February will be Super Hero themed! The children are welcome to dress up for their sessions this week and we will be making lots of accessories to go with it!

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is the 19th of February and this year it is the year of the Sheep! We will be celebrating with a big festival day and lots of Chinese food (yum!)



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is annual World Book Day. We will be planning lots of literary treats for all our book worms and invite them to

come and celebrate their favourite stories with us! Every year we ask the children to dress up as their favourite Story character (the staff do too!)

Parents Evening

A big thank you to all parents who attended parents evening, it is such a good opportunity to talk about the children without the hustle and bustle of drop off and pick up times. Please feel free to arrange a meeting with your child's keyworker to discuss development at any time, and learning journey books are always available to take home, we just ask for 24 hours notice so your key worker can make sure they are spick and span!



Trips

We are currently planning all our trips over the coming year, and particularly for holiday club in the summer. If you have any ideas about new places we could adventure to please speak to a member of staff.



Fees

Sandy Bear is currently calculating a fee increase for all our nursery and pre-school fees, we do not want to worry parents as this will only be a very small percentage increase. In 4 years we have never amended our prices we feel it is the right time to make a small change. In next month's newsletter we will inform you of these changes and these prices will go 'live' in April. If you have any questions or queries regarding this please feel free to speak to Laura or Astone, email sandybearsnursery@live.co.uk call 01829770889 or send us a facebook message.

Sandy Bear

Sandy Bear loves coming to visit the children and has been on lots of new adventures recently. If your child has an 'event' approaching that they would like Sandy to attend please let a member of staff know (with a bit of notice in case he's already out!) so we can organise his suitcase for the trip ;)



Recycling

Once again we are requesting tubs and packets you might have left over at your house that would enhance our role play area! These do tend to get a little tatty from lots of play so we are looking to rejuvenate this term! Thank you

Bags

A reminder to all parents to bring a bag with your child's spare clothing inside. Please could you name all items to avoid confusion with clothing. Also for parents of children 2+ that are not toilet trained please could you provide nappies in their bags for changing. Thank you.

