

January Newsletter

Welcome back everyone we hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year (although it already feels like a million years ago...!!) lots of exciting things coming up over next couple of months to let you all know about...

Staff News

We are so pleased to welcome 2 new faces to Sandy Bears team!

The first is Kerry who will be working in Bear Cubs 25 hours a week. She is a mother of 2 with previous experience of working in different nurseries and alongside management, she is fully trained to Level 3.

Secondly we welcome Sarah who is going to be working in Big Bears 28 hours a week. She is a mum of 1 (we also welcome Charlotte to Big Bears 😊) Sarah has recently completed her Level 3 in Childcare. She moved from her previous job due to a recent house move!

Feel free to approach both of our new members of staff, we hope they'll be very happy here!

Parents Evening

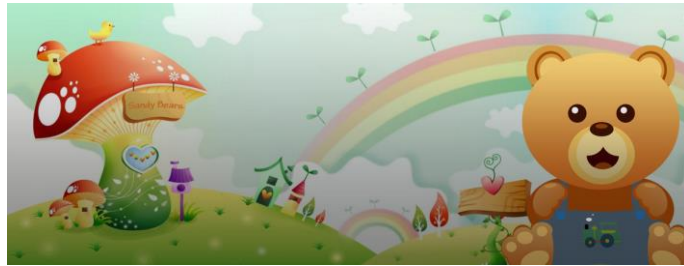
A reminder that parents evenings begin on the 19th January, please see the board in the cloakroom if you haven't already booked one. If these days are not convenient please feel free to arrange another time with key workers.

Author

Darren Rodgers will be coming into Sandy Bears to read his new book on Monday 26th January. Parents and children are welcome to come along and copies of the book will be available to purchase on the day. Session will begin at 10.30 so please just let us know if you will be attending.

Term Time Funding

If your child turns 3 this term then they will be eligible for 15 hours free childcare provided by the government. If you are looking to increase your hours in April to take advantage of this funding please speak to Laura or Astone as early as possible to



secure your hours as we have had some people on waiting lists for days this term. If you have any questions about this funding then do not hesitate to ask.

Uniform

We are having a new year uniform offer this term. Polo shirts are on offer for £14 for two and jumpers at £16 for two. Usual prices are £10.50 each for jumpers and £9.50 each for polo shirts. We would like to remind you, we make no profit on the uniforms.

If you would like to order any uniform please put a note in your child daily diary. If you have any questions about size or anything else then please ask a member of staff 😊

Staff Nominations

Thank you to all the parents who have nominated staff this term, it is so lovely to hear such wonderful comments about all of our staff and gives everyone such drive and motivation! If you would like to nominate you still have a bit of time so please either... email sandybearsnursery@live.co.uk, send a message to Sandy Bears facebook page or put them in writing into the box in the cloakroom. We will keep you posted on who is successful this term!

Feb Holiday Club

Half term will be running from 16th Feb - 20th Feb this term so if you would like to book any extra days or book schoolers in as extras speak to Laura or Astone, ring, email or facebook us the dates 😊

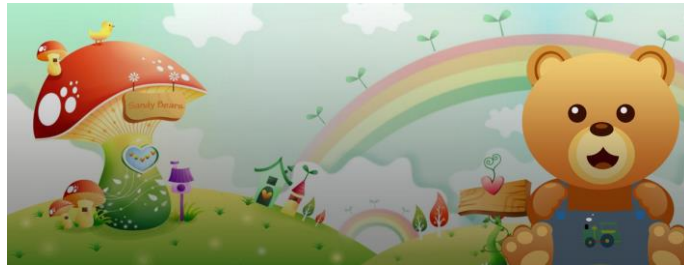
Late pick ups

Just a reminder that any late pick-ups are charged at £5 up to each 15 minutes. This is due to staff ratio (which are a legal requirements) in the day and allowing staff to go home in the evenings.

If you need any early drop offs please speak to Laura or Astone, we do offer early starts (from 7.30) on request if this helps any families.

Big Bears

Lots of exciting weeks over the coming term in Big Bears, in particular we have a 'Hobbies' week is the 26th- 30th in which we would like the children to bring in something related to their hobby for Show & Tell. This could be anything from a tennis racket to swimming goggles!



In addition to this we have a Super Heroes and Heroines week 9th-13th February. In celebration of this we are inviting the children to do (optional) fancy dress. We are sure to be making lots of handy hero accessories to go with the capes and masks too ☺

Crackerjacks Children's Trust

Once again this year we are supporting Crackerjacks Charity who support children and families dealing with severe disabilities. To support this we will be holding a Pyjama Fun 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 so a huge thank you in advance.

Bear Cubs

Some Bear Cubs housekeeping..

If you would like your little one to go on walks and adventures around Tattenhall village then please provide some warm and waterproof clothing and shoes to keep them cosy in these winter months.

Please could you also name your child's clothing so items do not get mixed up, if you have lost any items just inform a member of staff and they can check the lost property!

Term dates:

Autumn 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
1 September - 24 October	5 January - 13 February	20 April - 22 May
(40 days)	(30 days)	(24 days)
Half term	Half term	Bank holiday - 4 May
27-31 October	16-20 February	Half term
3 November - 19 December	23 February - 2 April	25-29 May
(35 days)	(29 days)	1 June - 21 July (37 days)
Christmas holiday 20 December - 4 January	Spring break / Easter holiday 3 April - 17 April	Summer holiday 22 July - 31 August
Return to school: Tuesday 1 September 2015		

