



## March Newsletter



Sandy Bears have so many exciting things coming up over the next couple of months, here are some upcoming dates...

### **Thursday 5th March - World Book Day**

We are celebrating world book day with lots of activities and fancy dress! We're inviting everyone to dress up as their favourite book character for the day :) Hope to see you there.



### **Friday 13th March - Red Nose Day**

To support Comic Relief this year we are having a Wacky Hair Day extravaganza!! We will be doing lots of colourful activities including hairstyles, face and nail painting! We ask for a £2 donation from all families which will all go to Comic Relief!



### **Monday 16th March - Starlight Clothes Recycling**

We are doing a clothes collection again this month, we will need all clothes or fabrics dropped off by 9am on the 16th. We will be giving out bin bags to fill from Starlight. Starlight is a charity which brightens the lives of seriously and terminally ill children by wish granting and also by providing fun, entertainment, laughter and distraction for children in every children's hospital ward and hospice throughout the United Kingdom. All Starlight's activities are aimed at distracting children from the pain, fear and isolation they can often feel as a result of their illnesses. Please visit <http://www.starlight.org.uk> to see what impact your help can do. Sandy Bears will receive a small percentage of the money made and this will all go towards our outdoor area.



### **Friday 20th March- Grandparents Stay & Play**

We are inviting all grandparents into Sandy Bears for a stay and play



session with their grandchildren. Everyone is welcome but we ask you let us know beforehand so we can accommodate everybody. Hope to see you there!

### **Bear Cubs**



This month the bear cubs are going to begin their tooth brushing! Each child will have their own brush which is stored safely. Everyday these will be brought out and all children will brush together, this is to help promote teeth brushing, allowing them to become familiar with this action in a fun group environment! If you have any

questions about this please speak to Beckie.



### **Sessions**

After brilliant feedback from children and parents about Diddi Dance we will be beginning sessions on the 24th of March every fortnight. The sessions are planned to every area of the EYFS and will be split by age groups. We have a music taster session on the 4th with the plan to have this on alternate weeks to Diddi Dance. We will keep you informed with this session.



### **Outdoor**

As spring is approaching we are asking for donations of soil, seeds or any

plants that you no longer want that could begin to spruce up our outdoor area ready for the summer, thank you!



In other super exciting news we are beginning outdoor renovations outside this month. On the 27th March we are having brand new faux grass flooring fitted by the baby room back door edged by a fence. This will allow the babies safe and secure access to outside that is under cover from the elements. This will also double up as a cosy quiet area for the older children when they are outside. There should be minimal disruption to children and the site on the day but do ask parents to bear with us if there are builders onsite.

We can't wait to see the finished results!



### **Maths**

Big bears are currently trying to improve and promote maths for children in their room. Astone has recently had training in Numicon- this is a maths system using small coloured tiles that have holes in them that relate





to each number. The versatility of these tiles mean the younger children and our after school children have been benefitting from them. We have lots of new Maths resources that will



Support us in promoting maths and are looking forward to seeing the benefits of these.

### Staff of the Term

Very pleased to announce that Beckie received staff of the term! She has been given new targets and received a bonus. Well Done Beckie! We take into account nominations from parents so if you would like to nominate any member of staff you can via email, facebook or by putting it into the postbox in the cloakroom. These are so valued by the staff so we are very grateful for any comments you have.



### Parents Committee

Thank you to the parents who attended this terms committee meeting, as always some really useful things discussed that has guided us to make changes in setting. If you are interested in attending these meeting please speak to a member of staff and keep your eyes peeled for the date of the next one!



### Fees

Attached is a full price list that details our new prices which will go 'live' in April. If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to speak to Laura or Astone. Thank you.



### **Sandy Bear's Nursery Fees & charges for Bear Cub's Room (0-18 months)**

8-6pm £42.50 including meals and nappies

8-1pm £25.50 including meals and nappies

1-6pm £24.00 including meals and nappies

Extra hours on an ad-hoc basis 0-18 months £6.00 p/hr

Crèche facilities for non-regular users 0-18 months £6.50 p/hr

A minimum of 2 half days attendance is required.

### **Sandy Bear's Nursery Fees & Charges for Toddler & Pre-school Room**

18 months-3 years old

8-6pm £42.00 including meals

8-1pm £25.50 including meals

1-6pm £24.00 including meals

### **Children aged 3 years to school age**

8-6pm £40.00

8-1pm £23.50

1-6pm £21.00

Meals are charged in addition at a cost of £3.00 per day discounted meal deal for children aged 3 years to school age and staying 8-6pm, otherwise £2.00 for a 2 course lunch at mid-day and/or £2.00 for a sandwich lunch/tea.

Pre-school children and children aged 3 years to school age may choose to bring a packed lunch from home at no additional charge.

Extra hours on an ad-hoc basis 18 months -3 years £6.00

Extra hours on an ad-hoc basis 3-5 years £5.00

A minimum of 2 half days attendance is required.

### **Sandy Bear's Term-Time Only Pre-school Sessions**

Children aged 2-3 yrs

Morning Session 9am-12 noon (£4.30p/hr) £12.90

Afternoon Session 12 noon - 3pm (£4.30p/hr) £12.90

Children aged 3-4 yrs

Morning Session 9am-12 noon (£4.20p/hr) £12.60

Afternoon Session 12 noon- 3pm (£4.20p/hr) £12.60

An extra hour may be added at the normal hourly rate at the end of the morning session for lunch and further activities.

### **EXTRAS**

Breakfast Club 8-9am incl. breakfast £4.50

Breakfast Club 8-9am incl. breakfast & journey to Park School £5.50

Breakfast Club 8-9am incl. breakfast & journey to Bickerton School £6.50

Early start at 7.30am £5.00

Sandy Bear's Lunch (Hot/cold) £2.00

Sandy Bear's Discount Meal Deal £3.00

After School Club 3.30-6pm incl. 2 course hot tea & journey from Huxley, Tattenhall Park £10.50

After school club Bickerton incl. 2 course hot tea & journey £12.50