



## Winter Newsletter – Term 3

Welcome back! We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families joining us for the first time - we hope your time with us will be an enjoyable one and we hope you all had a very lovely Christmas and New Year.

### Tapestry

We hope you are enjoying using your online learning journal for your child and that you are finding the observations useful and interesting. We have been using a new way of observing children called “In The Moment”, carrying out next steps and teaching opportunities there and then as it all happens. You may notice that the observations you get on your child are plentiful at certain times and not so much at other times, this is due to the children being put into focus groups. When your child is part of a focus group, different members of staff will observe and record your child throughout the week. This is not to say that at other times your child will not be observed, it just means that observations may be more frequent during your child’s focus group week.

We would also like to encourage you to complete your “All about me” section on Tapestry and upload your own observations about things that go on at home. This gives us a rounded picture of your child’s life out side of nursery.

### Weather

So far this academic year, we have been fortunate enough to experience some quite mild but wet weather. The children love to use the rain water that has collected in the water play tray and explore the differences when it turns to ice. Extreme weather conditions are a fantastic opportunity for the children to enjoy and learn about how the weather can affect the outdoor environment. In cold weather please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and mittens and is appropriately dressed for outdoor play. In addition, if we experience heavy snow fall resulting in the community centre closure, please check on our Facebook page where we will post any relevant information and we would be grateful if you could cascade information to other parents where necessary.

### Fees

For those of you wishing to pay directly, through internet banking, our bank details are as follows:-

Sort code 52-21-32

Account number 25081306

Please use your child’s name as the reference

### Water bottles

Please ensure you send your child to Nursery with a **named** bottle filled with **WATER ONLY** and remember to take it home after every session. This is in preparation for school and is certainly a healthier option than squash or juice.

### Lunch boxes

Please remember to supply a healthy well-balanced lunch box if your child is staying all day. There are lots of suggestions and information on our website and we would like to remind you that grapes and small tomatoes should be cut in half length ways and that we cannot reheat any food.

### **Parents evening**

The second parent's evening of the year will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's development and progress and a chance for the new families to have a settling in chat with their key person. Please add your name to an appointments list that will go up on the nursery foyer closer to the time. There will be a further evening in June (Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June) where there will be an opportunity to discuss the transition to school for those families leaving us in July.

### **Snack time**


Please bring in a piece of fruit (or vegetables) per session that your child enjoys (up to a maximum of 3 per week). This will be chopped up in rotation and shared with the other children. We like to see a good variety of fruit and vegetables for the children to try, so please feel free to be adventurous!

### **Helpful hint for the term...**

Children really do benefit from clear boundaries. When you issue a consequence for something, be prepared to mean it. It's no good saying '...otherwise you can't watch television for the rest of the evening' when you know full well that you are just not going to be able to see it through! Choose your consequences carefully!

### **Wanted!**

Clean and washed yoghurt pots please - to be used as paint pots.

 Lots of information is often posted on our **closed** Facebook page. You will need to ask permission to join, so keep up to date with recent news and events by joining and by checking the website at <http://sodburyvalenursery.co.uk>

### **Dates for your diary:-**

Term 3: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
(Half term - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February incl.)  
Parents evening 5pm to 8:30pm -Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
Summer Term: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019  
(Half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May incl)  
Final parents evening of the year – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Leavers Trip – To be confirmed.

The Sodbury Vale Team