



Hello and Happy New Year welcome back from the Christmas holidays, we hope you all had a very happy and relaxing break.

This term continues with 'I Spy' topic where we will be focusing shapes colours and numbers amongst other things as well as celebrations and festivals from around the world.

Here's a few notes to jog your memory on some important aspects of nursery life:

- **Names** – Please name everything so that items which are misplaced will come back to you.
- **Appropriate clothing** – As the colder months continue your child/children will need a coat to keep them warm while they play outside.
- **Tapestry** – You must sign your Tapestry agreement forms. If you have not received one, please ask office staff.
- **Breakfast sessions** – Please remember that breakfast finishes at **8.25am** at the out of school sites to allow children to prepare for school and **8.30am** in the Nursery so we can clear away ready for the day to begin.

### Facebook and social media

We have a 'Dovedale Nursery' Facebook page where we post updates to families and share any news that we have, so if you have an account then have a look, like and share our page. You can also use this platform to message for non-urgent requests and we will get back to you as soon as possible (but please call the nursery if it is urgent or time sensitive). We have a high level of security, and the page is monitored by IT staff in the college and our own staff members. We do not post pictures of children or reveal their identities generally, unless we have specific activities in which case we would ask parents/carers for signed consent.

Please remember this is public site and anything you write will be seen by all, also this is not a place to contact specific staff directly.

### Parents Evening

Parents evening this term will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 between 6.30 and 7.30. Please speak to key person to book your slot.

We have welcomed Nila to our team as a key person in Chicks.

Holly has returned from her travels and will be re-joining us at Moulsham out of school, and helping at the nursery too.

Ruth has joined our out of school provision at Moulsham.

Vicky has joined Nest as a Level 2 practitioner

Naiyana has moved to pastures new but will still be helping us as bank staff we wish her well.

Gill who has helped in our Dovedale out of school is also leaving to start a new job and we wish her well also.

### Existing injuries

To keep in line with health and safety regulations we have introduced a new form called an Existing Injuries form, it is similar to the Minor Incident reports that we already send to you. You will be required to complete this form if your child comes into the setting with an injury to detail where it is, how the injury happened, and the treatment they received. Speak to room staff or key person to obtain this form.

### Helpers wanted

We love to get to know you and your families as best we can, one way of doing that is by asking you to volunteer an hour or so of your time to spend with your child and their friends in the playrooms. This term we are celebrating Chinese New Year, alongside topics such as music and movement and construction, add your name to the rota if you are able to join us. We would love for some dad's or grandad's to help us too

The policies and procedures are available on request to any parent, carer, or visitor of the nursery. Copies can be found on the parent/carer information station. In addition to this we encourage you to write in your views of our nursery and out of school clubs.

### Have your say!

We have set up a parent's forum for the nursery, to gain your views, feedback and support on key initiatives. If you would like to be part of the forum, please contact Nursery Manager Sarah Boulwood for more information

[Dovedalenuresery@chelmsford.ac.uk](mailto:Dovedalenuresery@chelmsford.ac.uk)

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#### The next meeting will be:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 – 7.30pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 - 7.30pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 6.30 - 7.30pm

Thank you to everyone who supported us by bringing in supplies for the local food bank

Topics this Term: I spy

Including :

Animals, Colours, Shapes, Numbers, Clothes, Jungle,

Languages, Sensory

Pancake Day, Valentine's Day, Easter, Holi, Chinese New Year and Mother's Day

Staff WOW cards are available for you to fill in if you feel a member of staff has done something they should be recognised for. They are on the wall beside the office,

#### Dates for your diary:

3<sup>rd</sup> January: Nursery reopens for 50 week children

6<sup>th</sup> January: Nursery closed for staff training

7<sup>th</sup> January: Nursery open for funded children

23<sup>rd</sup> January: Crackerjack Pyjama & onesie Day

17<sup>th</sup> February: ½ Term Nursery open for 50 week children

22<sup>nd</sup> February: Funded children return

6<sup>th</sup> April: Easter holidays for 50 week children

20<sup>th</sup> April: Term begins for funded children

26<sup>th</sup> June: Photographer in Nursery

We have a number of staff who are trained in specific areas of development and will be able to advise you should you have any concerns or queries, however please speak to your child's key person first.

Sarah Boulwood – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sue Windley – Health and Safety

Lacey Smith – Behaviour Co-ordinator

Mahnaz Hussain – Equal Opportunities Coordinator

Flossie Farren – Brown Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy

Naomi Ritchie – Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

#### Thank you

To everyone who supported our Tombola

Just before the end of term we raised: £38.00

We are in the process of setting up the text message service to allow us to send messages to parents but in the meantime if we have bad weather in the next few weeks please check our Facebook page or nursery web site for up-to-date information

Our Nativity on 17<sup>th</sup> December was a tremendous success we raised an amazing: £420.00 after making a donation to the church and other expenses we made £265.00 for our fundraising kitty which went towards Christmas gifts for the children.

So a huge thank you to all the parents, friends and relatives who bought tickets and came and watched their children perform.

Also we would like to thank Lauren for organising the whole event along with the Eagles and Fledgling's staff who were all totally amazing Well done.

Finally Thank you to Gemma Fraser for letting us use her church it definitely enhanced the atmosphere