

**Chinese New Year**  
Sunday 22nd January

**February Half Term**  
W.C. 13th February  
No Funding Sessions

**Tuesday 21st February**  
Pancake Day



# January Newsletter 2023

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Welcome back hope you all had a lovely festive break ... welcome to the new children who have joined us in the new year ... thank you for joining our nursery we hope your child has settled in so far... we hope your enjoying out nursery ... any help any queries please feel free to speak to your child's key worker or any member of staff.

## Topics / Activities around Nursery ...

We have been celebrating Chinese New Year in nursery with a planned meal day and activities throughout nursery. On our menu for the day for dinner was Chicken Fried Rice / Vegetable Rice with Prawn Crackers. For pudding it was Fried Banana's & Ice cream. For tea we had Vegetable Spring Rolls with noodles ... the spring rolls were made with the help of the babies and for pudding was Mango Pudding.

Sunflowers and Bluebells upstairs made a Chinese fruit salad. They had a Chinese new year party and a fascination table to explore.

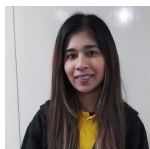
**Our ongoing topic throughout nursery is People who help us ...** there has been a lot of discussion about who we may ask for help on a daily basis and the professionals that are available if we were to need their help. We have also been lucky enough to have a visit from the police officers.

Babies have been exploring people who help us through group time songs and play ... dressing up as fire fighters, police etc ... they also had a fire engine imagination role play corner.

Bumblebees will be playing fire fighters as part of an activity they will be pretending to get rid of all the flames with hoses and the role of a fire fighter will be explained to them. They have had a hospital set up in the role play area for them to explore and also a fascination table.

Pre-school had a tough tray set up for them where they had to hose down phonics and pretend to be fire fighters. They had a police investigation activity with finger prints. They have been role playing as doctors and checking their friends over. They have had traffic lights set up in the outdoor area and pretending to be lollipop people helping their friends cross the roads.

Bluebells & Sunflowers have been talking about how builders help build homes therefore they have been building houses using bricks. They have looked at flash cards of people who help us had group discussions using books and jigsaws.



## Staff

We have a new member of staff join our team ... Rukhsar is a full time member of staff who will be based in all rooms. Rukhsar is a Child care level 3 practitioner and has been working in the child care sector for 7 years. Welcome to the team.

## Home Learning

We will be talking in general about Oral Health throughout nursery in order to help us please send your child to nursery with an item of good food and item of bad food so they can discuss in group time.



## Fee Increase

**As you may be aware the cost of living has increased drastically recently, not only the energy prices, but pension, wages resources and even food prices have increased. Therefore we would like to inform you that on the 1st of April 2023 our fee's will increase ... letters with more information will be going out soon.**





Don't forget to check Parent zone on a regular basis. Parent zone allows you to log into a secure webpage to see a select quantity of your child's information including:

- Your child's learning journeys
- You can even contribute to your child's learning journey.
- You can see your weekly & monthly bookings
- Account statement showing bills and payments and also daily reports

**Ask a member of staff if you haven't yet received an email , or for more information .**

Spare clothes / clothes for appropriate weather Please could we ask all parents/ carers to bring in a change of clothes for their children as we have limited amount of spare clothes. Please use a small bag as there is limited space on the coat pegs. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear especially for outdoor play. We also would recommend you to bring appropriate outdoor clothing as the children play out in all weathers.

**Reminder -** If your running late to pick your child up from nursery then please let us know in advance by giving us a call ... If you fail to do so you will be charged £10 for first 15 minutes then £1 per minute thereafter.



**For funded children ...** funding sessions commence between 9:15 – 9:30 am in the morning and 1:00 – 1:15 pm in the afternoon. If your child is not in nursery within the given time slot we will assume that your child will not be attending nursery that day.

Also where children are collected after 12:15 pm for the morning session and after 4:00 pm for the afternoon session we charge the same as above ... £10 for the first 10 minutes and then £1 per minute thereafter.

**PLEASE STRICTLY NO TOYS FROM HOME**

Please can we remind you about our no toys from home policy, children have slowly started bringing toys into nursery again and we cannot be held responsible for the where about or care of these toys throughout the day. Children become too attached to their belonging that they have brought at home and do not want to take part in other activities planned.



Please don't allow anyone to walk into the setting behind you even if you think you know them.



Changed your number or address ... Please let us know !



**Update your contact info!**

No matter if its a sick day or a holiday ... Please ring and let us know !

Taking a  
**Day Off**



Don't forget to re-new your voucher code  
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**Deadline to claim for the next 30 hours will be 31st March 2023**

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