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## Newsletter Spring 1

Welcome back to all returning children & families and a big hello to everyone new to the Nursery this term. A particular welcome to Mrs Sarah Jones who has re-joined us as the temporary teacher in the Garden group and Beth Desroches our Apprentice who will be based in the Woods group.

We are looking forward to an exciting term with lots of celebrations and events planned, such as Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, World Book day, our Rhyme Challenge and Egg Rolling. Please look at the 'Diary dates sheet or our calendar on the website for dates and information. If you have difficulty accessing the internet, please talk to our office staff who will print off the dates.

Despite it only being the beginning of week 3 quite a lot has happened since our last newsletter!

### **Congratulations to Mrs Pinnell on the birth of her twins!**

Rocky and Milly arrived just before Christmas. Mrs Pinnell and her babies are at home and all doing well although I think Rocky and Milly are keeping their Mummy and Daddy very busy!



### **Ofsted inspection**

Last Monday lunchtime we got the phone call to say that we were to be inspected the next day. Thank you to everyone who took the time to support us by filling out the online questionnaire and by talking to our inspector. We are very happy with the way the inspection went and will let you know the outcome as soon as we are allowed which should be in about three weeks time.

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Chinese New Year – The Year of the Rooster**



If this is one of your festivals, please let us know how you celebrate. We will celebrate with Chinese related activities and trying Chinese snack. If you can provide any relevant snacks ie noodles, lychees, lemongrass, fortune cookies or any Chinese type ingredients for children to chop ie garlic or ginger please bring them into nursery from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

### **Bi-Lingual Support**

We are very pleased to welcome back Sarbani Ghosh who will be working with us on Thursday afternoons this term. She will be supporting speakers of Bengali, Hindu and Urdu.

## Golden Rules

At the start of term, as we are settling our new children and welcoming back our existing children, we focus particularly on the personal and social areas of the curriculum.

We talk to the children about our Golden Rules and it would really help us if you could do this at home too.

## Our Golden Rules

**We are gentle**  
**We share**

**We take turns**  
**We are helpful**

## Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's are launching their Active Kids vouchers scheme on the 25th January 2017. This runs through until 2nd May. We have been collecting the vouchers for many years now and can exchange them for sports and cooking equipment for the children. We will be grateful for any voucher donations and the collecting box will be in the conservatory.



Please note the following which Sainsbury's have advised. In Sainsbury's Locals, you will get one voucher for every £5 you spend. In Sainsbury's supermarkets and on-line at [sainsburys.co.uk](http://sainsburys.co.uk) you will receive 1 voucher for every £10 you spend. Sainsbury's have listened to school/ parent feedback and have brought back pre-printed 1 and 5 vouchers at the till.

We will need some help with counting the vouchers. If this is something that you could do, please let the office know.

## Early Years Pupil Premium



This is a funding source for the Nursery School and is available for children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or match other certain criteria.

If you are eligible, registering could provide the Nursery with up to an extra £300 per year and this money would be used to provide additional resources for your child during their time at Victoria Park Nursery School.

Registration forms are available from the office;

If you would like any further information or help, please ask at the School office

## Coughs and colds

Many children have coughs and colds at the moment. Washing hands with soap and water, especially before eating is the best way of stopping germs from spreading. Please encourage your child to practice this at home along with blowing their nose with a tissue and then putting the tissue in the bin.

Eating a good diet containing fruit and vegetables, getting plenty of sleep and going outside in the fresh air also help children to fight off infection and stay as healthy as possible.

## Gloves

Please remember to leave your child's gloves here at Nursery for them to have when they go outside to play. Gloves with elastic (which can be threaded through your child's coat sleeves) are available from the School office, at a cost of £2 per pair. If you would like to have elastic sewn onto a pair of gloves that you have, this can be done for 75p per pair.



## Gates at Nursery



Please can you remember to close both latches of Nursery's gates when you are bringing or collecting your child. Also please make sure that you do not let a child go through the gate without an adult with them. Many thanks.

## Tapestry on-line Learning Diaries

We have moved over from our paper learning diaries to on-line ones. The advantages, we believe are that you as parents will be able to access your child's diary whenever you wish, respond easily, adding your thoughts and comments and be able to share the diary with family and friends if you so wish. In order that you can access your child's online diary we will need you to have given us photo consent for your child. Parents of children new to the nursery this term will be given a log on over the next few weeks. Please make sure you have given us a working email address.

## Nut Allergy



Please be aware that we have children with a nut allergy in School. Please do not bring anything containing nuts or nut products into Nursery for the snack table or in your child's lunch box. Thank you.

## Childcare Survey

Last term we asked you to fill out a survey about the provision of 30hrs childcare from this September. Your replies were really helpful, however we now need the answer to two further questions from all parents whose children will be at the nursery in September. Staff will be asking the questions over the next few days. Many thanks in advance for your help.

## Mobile Phones

Children want to tell you what they might do at nursery as you are bringing them and when you collect them they will want to tell you about their day. Please keep your phone in your pocket whilst at nursery and use the time to listen to and talk with your child.



## Spare clothes

We are very short of spare clothes. Please wash and return any nursery clothes that your child has been changed into. If you have any clothes that your child has grown out of that you would be willing to donate to us we would be really grateful.

## Additional sessions

We still have places in Tea club and Breakfast club. If you are interested, please ask in the office or complete a form from the Conservatory. **Please could you make payment for any outstanding Nursery invoices as soon as possible. Thank you.**