



## Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd

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Studio 765780

### Newsletter March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a great half term, despite the stormy weather

#### Staffing

It was a difficult job for the management team, but I am delighted to inform you that after receiving a great response to our advert, and after interviewing some amazing people, we have some enthusiastic people joining our already amazing team. We have Jess Bolstridge, who is highly qualified as a nursery practitioner, and who attended Alcester Nursery not long after I first started - scary, I know!! She will be working in the pre-school rooms. We also have Claire Sturgess joining us as an ancillary member, but who is keen to get qualified, and Claire Burgoine who has transferable skills and who will be working under the watchful eye of our Senior Early Years Practitioner, Kelly Cusack, who will be able to guide Claire easily into the role

of nursery practitioner.

#### Parking

Just a reminder to not park in the school car park.

Also, for the safety of the children please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines

#### Impetigo

We have had a couple of outbreaks of impetigo both in the little end and the big end. Please follow the guidelines as below.

#### Exclusion Period

Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment

#### Treatment

Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period, so it is important that you take your child to the doctors immediately to start treatment

#### Photographer - School Leavers group photo

Your orders have arrived.

#### Pancake Race

Thank you to everyone who was able to help walk the children down to the High Street. Whilst we all got terribly cold, the children had a wonderful time (well most of them, I

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think we had a couple of tears ). It's such a wonderful annual town event, one that we like to support and take part in.

### **Invite to see your child's key worker**

Your child's key worker will be inviting you in to cook or play and to have a chat about your child's progress and development. As before we broke up all staff had plotted their progress to date.

### **Changes in the little end**

We have sold our indoor climbing frame in order to make more floor space for our little explorers. We bought it new when we first arrived over 6 years ago now, and it had a lot of use, we were pleased that it went to a good home, a childminder.

### **Safeguarding**

This half term we will be talking about safe & unsafe secrets, and exploring more about feelings and emotions.

As you know all staff attended safeguarding training in January 2017. Penny and I also attended the advanced course of Designated Lead in Safeguarding (DSL) in February. There is always a DSL on the premises during nursery hours at all times.

### **Exiting the nursery**

Thank you for following this new routine, it has worked really well, as detailed below.

In the mornings 9am, and the afternoon 3pm - not lunch times, can you please leave via the door in the back room, to avoid congestion in the foyer. Many thanks for your co-operation. Also please **DO NOT** pick up your child to press the green exit buttons.

Thank you, as this is working really well, and the feedback from you as parents has been positive

### **Fundraising - Valentines Disco**

The children had a fabulous time, and the disco raised over £150.00.

### **Clothing Plea**

Can I please ask that if your child has borrowed some clothing, can you please wash them and return as soon as possible? Also we are extremely short on girls leggings & trousers, if your child has grown out of theirs, we would be most grateful. Thanking you in advance.

### **Nappies, wipes, cream**

Can I please ask that you ensure that your child has enough nappies, wipes etc. in their bag.

### **Mother's Day orders**

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Please make sure that your orders are in with me by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. For every order placed the nursery receives £2.00 for the fundraising account.

### **Mother's Day - coffee morning**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 9am - 10pm**

Your children would like to invite you to join them for tea and cake; we do hope you can join them.

### **Booking next year's sessions**

Thank you for all your returned forms for Sept 2017 - July 2018. If you haven't done so already, then please return this as soon as possible to ensure that you get the days/sessions that you wish.

### **Chatters Matters.**

This year, we will be celebrating 'chatter matters'<sup>™</sup> week from 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March. The theme is rhythm and rhyme. We will be focusing on the value of rhythm and rhyme in songs and stories for language learning by having a variety of activities taking place in nursery. Check out the Warwickshire time to talk 'chatters matters' videos on YouTube, there will be one a week for the next six weeks focussing on key strategies to aid language development.

### **Welcomeawji Screening**

Penny and Jane will be screening some of the children with the Wellcomm screening tool where parents have signed the consent forms for this to take place. We will feed back any results which we feel would require additional support. As always though please speak with Penny if you have any concerns regarding your child's speech and language.

### **Sponsored Easter Egg Walk & Hunt**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 9.15am.**

I will send out sponsor forms shortly. This is where we all go on a walk, and then return to nursery for the Easter egg hunt. We ask for you to accompany your child if possible and everyone is welcome. Then refreshments will be available for all too.

### **Mobile Phones**

If you have any old mobiles that you don't want any more, we would very much appreciate them at nursery for the children to role play with. Many thanks in advance.

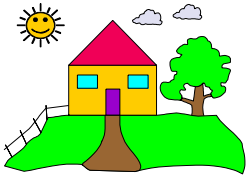
### **Questionnaire - 30hrs free childcare**

If your child is returning in September, they will receive a questionnaire in their

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pockets in their cloakroom, please return them as soon as possible, to give me an idea of your childcare requirements. Thanking you in advance.

**With Regards**

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