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# **Newsletter February 2024**

I can't believe we are about to star the Summer term at nursery - it has just flown by! This term we welcome new families, into the nursery and we are looking forward to getting to know them all.

Last term we celebrated Valentines day, St Patricks day, Chinese New Year, Mothers Day and Easter! The children have been busy bees!

**Our Term** dates can be found on our website and are also listed below for your information:

Summer Term - Monday 15th April '24 - Thursday 18th July '24 (12pm finish)

Half Term - Monday 27th May '24 - Thursday 30th May '24

Nursery Closure Reminder - Nursery will be closed on Thursday 2nd May for elections.

**Quiz night** is being organised by a group of our lovely families and will be being held on 6th June at The Rising Sun - there will be more information to follow. A HUGE thank you tot the organisers!

**Focus** children emails will be sent out as a reminder that your child's week is approaching. Please can we ask that you do pop some information on tapestry on the lead up to the focus week as this helps us greatly in tailoring our planning to the children as individuals.

**We are excited** to announce that on Wednesday 15th May we will have a photographer in to take some lovely photos of your children for you to purchase. There will be more details to follow soon.

**Summer trip!** Our Summer outing this year will be to Staunton Farm on Monday 20th May. Please do let us know if your child will be joining us.

**Music with** Shirley will be returning after the Easter break and we are very excited to welcome Shirley back into the setting on a Thursday morning.

**Early Bird Session** are now available from 8.30. These sessions can be booked on a half termly basis. They will cost £4.50 per session. We are more than happy to offer a trial of this before full commitment. Please note that you can arrive anytime from 8.30 and it doesn't have to be an exact 8.30 arrival. The sessions are limited to 6 children only due to staff/child ratio.

We have a new website! https://mvns.co.uk/

Please do take a look as here you will find up to date term dates and information.

**We have** also joined the world of social media! Please do search for us and follow us as another way of keeping in touch if you would like to.

**Reports** Please can we ask that once you have had your meting with your key worker and your report is available to you please may you write a little comment on the bottom. Thank you very much.



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#### Reminders

- Please remember to send your children in with wellies, waterproofs and long sleeve tops for forest related activities.
- Please be prompt when collecting children for 3pm. Several of the staff need to go and pick their own children up so being late, can cause delays for them.
- Please can we also ask that at the end of the day children remain close to you and not run around the hall. We have safety rules in place during the sessions and one of these in particular is no running in the hall. It would be great if you could help to reinforce this at the end of the day. Thank you.
- Please ensure that ALL personal possessions are named.

#### **VERY IMPORTANT**

We have a child with us who has a severe allergy to sesame. We are sure you will understand why we are asking you to please be extra vigilant with your child's lunch box. Foods containing sesame include tahini, hummus, crackers, breads, bread sticks, rice cakes, cereal bars and falafel. Please check ingredient lists. If anything has mistakenly been put in a lunchbox we will remove it and give to you at the end of the session. Thank you for your understanding.

#### **LUNCHES**

Please check that your child's lunch box is clearly marked with their name. Sausages, grapes and tomatoes should all be cut in half down the length of the item. Please ensure your child's lunch box does not contain any foods with a sesame or nut content, e.g., cereal, muesli bars etc. Your full cooperation would be appreciated. We would also remind you that in keeping with healthy eating PLEASE DO NOT PUT SWEETS or chocolate in your child's lunch. This nhs link has some great ideas for pack lunches <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/">https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/</a>

#### **Fees and Extra Charges**

Our fees are £7.80 ph

Weekly French (Tuesday for Oaks) - £2.25 Termly Woodwork (Oaks) - £7 Music - £3

These charges are necessary to help us maintain the high standards we always strive to achieve at each session through training for our staff, resources and insurance etc. Please speak to Jo if you have any queries regarding your invoice.

Invoices are sent out at the start of each half term by email and we would ask you make payment before the beginning of each half term.

## **KEEPING UP TO DATE**



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It is extremely important that all the information we have on record is up to date. This includes contact information (telephone numbers/emails, etc) and most important any dietary requirements/allergies your child may have.

### **EMAIL** – mvns1@hotmail.com

Please, please remember to check your emails. This is the quickest way for us to get information to you regarding nursery. Let us know if your email changes.

However, if you need to speak to us, or get information to us, it is always advisable to phone. Although we check the emails regularly, at weekends or during holidays there is always the possibility that we will not access the email address daily and therefore could miss something important.

### ON LINE TAPESTRY/JOURNALS - CARE DIARY

It is very important that everyone looks at their child's journals on a regular basis. Input from home is extremely valuable, giving a much clearer picture of how your child is developing and the progress being made. There is a "Care Diary" facility that can be found under the menu tab. We are using the toileting icon. This will detail times when your child has had their nappy changed. We also use the First Aid facility, so if your child has an accident, we will ask you to sign our ipad. The download will then be emailed to you.

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