

Newsletter

January 2016



Welcome back & Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you all had a fabulous fun filled Christmas break and enjoyed lots of special times with your families. Please don't forget to upload any "Wow moments" that your child had onto their Journals, as we love to look at these with the children to recall fun events they have experienced.

Now for the information of learning over the next term:

Artic Week : W/C 11th January.

We are turning our role play into The Artic, with our own igloo and camping tent with sleeping bags. The children will also explore a range of sensory experiences from ice lolly painting, snow dough, white maze and flour play. We will start to look at animals that hibernate and be making our own animal hibernation pictures.

Animals/Vets: W/C 17th January.

We will be looking at animals & different environments. If you have a pet at home? Please could you bring a picture in or upload one to your child's journal, so we can share our friends. Also if you have a spare shoe box at home could you bring it in, so we can make some pet cages.

Going on a Bear Hunt W/C 25th January.

Stop for a story will be held on Monday 25th January at 9.10am, please stop with your child or pop in to join us with your child if they do not attend this day. We will look at the story & the different environments that are experienced through the story, through further activities both after the story and during the rest of the week. Please bring in a **Teddy Bear** on **Wednesday 27th** for us to join in our hide & seek/bear hunts.

Chinese new year: W/C 1st February

We will be celebrating festivities and food tasting, children are welcome to bring to pre-school anything relating to this topic that they would like to show and tell with their friends at circle time, also if children have any multi cultural clothes they would like to dress up in during this week they will be more than welcome to do so. If you do not wish your child to participate in the Chinese food tasting please let a member of staff know. Many thanks Di

Valentines and people we love: 8th February.

We are going to explore people, places and animals we love. We will do some baking as everyone love cooking in the setting. Can you tell us who/what your child loves? Again, you can use the journal or send in pictures or items for show and tell. **Thursday 11th Teddy Bear picnic (please label your bears)**



Fire Drill

We will have regular fire drills to insure that all children know what to do should the fire alarm go. We ask for your help in explaining to your children why we will be doing these drills & to understand the importance of listening to the teachers when they take place.....

Many Thanks

We would also like to remind all parents that Joeys Pre-school has an open door policy and that we welcome any comments or concerns you may have.

Term dates 2016

Spring Term: 4th January 16 – 24 March
Half term: 15th February – 19th February

Summer Term: 11th April – 15th July
Half Term: 30th May – 3 June

Possible closure: 5th May (TBC)



A Few Little Reminders

It is very important that you inform staff if:

- You have any change in contact details
- You have administered any medication to your child before attending Pre-school (Please complete form found on the table in entrance hall & hand to staff member)
- Your child has sustained any injuries before entering Pre-school

Fee's should be paid in advance of the session, placed in a named envelope & handed in at the beginning of your child's session, your receipt will then be given at the end of their session. If you owe fees please speak to Jo or Gemma to discuss possible solutions.

To change your child into slippers/indoor plimsolls before entering main hall

We ask that all coats, bags and personal items are named as a number of children have the same items and this will also help staff. Coats and bags should be placed on the hooks and outdoor shoes on the floor below.

Due to varying weather conditions, can we please ask that you supply your child with appropriate **clothing/shoes and also a spare change of clothes as we do like to get messy!**

Thank you for your co-operation.



Snack donation

We kindly ask that each child contributes a piece of fruit, breadsticks, crackers or put 50p in the tin at the beginning of their session for all to share!

Uniform

We have an optional uniform which can be purchased directly from us, please ask a member of staff.



Polo shirts - £9
Sweatshirt - £11

This is a final reminder that Children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 are due to start school from September 2016. The deadline for applications is 15 January 2016. Please go to <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions> for further information on how to apply.