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WigWams Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas Break and wishing you a very Happy 2019!

We have lots of exciting plans for learning and play during 2019 which we can't wait to share with you. Check out our facebook page and noticeboards to see what we have on.

As we love to give children the opportunity to be outdoors whatever the weather, don't forget to ensure your child has a named pair of Wellington boots, a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Kind Regards

Lisa and the Wigwams Staff Team

Staff News

Welcome to: Tash who is joining us as Room Senior in Preschool. Highly experienced Tash, who is also a qualified SENDCo, will be with us full time Monday – Friday from the beginning of February. We say farewell to Jo, who is being promoted to Deputy Manager at one of our sister Nurseries within the Bows and Arrows Group.

Welcome to Abi who is on a long term work experience placement with us from college. Abi is gaining experience with us prior to starting a university degree and is very popular among the children.



Upcoming Term Dates

Parents Evenings are being held on the following dates:

Mon 11th February – Toddler Room

Tues 12th February - Preschool Room

Wed 13th February - Baby Room

Please speak to your child's key person to book your slot.

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd February – Half term. No funding during this time.

Mon 1st – Mon 22nd April – Easter Holidays. No funding during this time. For children in over the holidays, please note the Nursery will be closed on the following days: **Fri 12th April (PD Day), Fri 19th April (Bank holiday) & Mon 22nd April (Bank holiday)**

Tues 23rd April – First Day of Summer Term

Please check our noticeboard for additional dates.

Staff Training – Nicole has become part of a new project team within Ipswich which promotes the importance of literacy. Details about parent events connected to this will be coming soon.

On PD Day in January, the staff received Training on Elklan. This training enables practitioners to be more effective in their support of children with speech, language and communication needs. Staff also received training on promoting the importance of well being and supporting children with higher learning needs. Training of our staff is very important to us to ensure we continue to provide the best care and learning environments for your child.

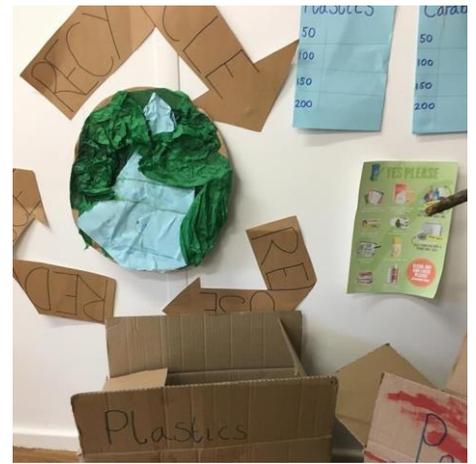
Forest schools – the children will be returning to Bridge Wood on Wednesday 16th January and we can't wait to get back out there to see what seasonal changes have happened! This term we will be splitting the children into two groups – the first group will go for the first half of the term and the second group will go for the second half. This not only enables more children to experience the benefits of this type of learning but also enables us to work on more specific learning projects whilst we are there.

Coming soon – New Library – we are very excited to announce our new library will be opening after February Half term. Opening times will be: 8am – 10am and 4pm – 6pm.

Holiday Care – did you know you can stretch your funded hours? This enables you to have childcare all year round rather than just in term time. If you are interested in finding out more please speak with Lisa or Jacqui.

Preschool Facelift – we are looking at changing some of our furniture and resources in our Preschool room. Do you have any vintage or shabby chic pieces you no longer need lying around? For example: a proper dial up telephone, or an old fashioned type writer? If so, we would love to hear from you! These items are great for creative play and learning!

If you have any comments or concerns, please contact your key worker, room senior, or Lisa. For regular updates on the Nursery, please check the Wigwams or Bows and Arrows Group Facebook page.



Thank you to everyone who has brought in items so far for our junk recycling Tree. The children are really enjoying counting up stock, thinking about necessary stock levels and then reusing the items in lots of amazing different creations.

Don't forget to keep it coming! Our tree really loves clean recyclable items, such as; paper, cardboard and plastic.

We hope to expand on our recycling ideas further during 2019 including a special recycling fundraising event!

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Fete last year. It was lovely to see so many faces. Details about what we will be spending the money on to follow soon.