



TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER
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Dear TAS parents and carers,

After a very busy month with lots of exciting activities, we welcome April. This month will be filled with carefully planned activities based on the children's interest, and next steps, but we will also be celebrating some important events.

Please read the full newsletter for more details.



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Ramadan story

On **Wednesday, 6th of April** we are looking forward to welcoming parents who wish to read a Ramadan story, or come to talk to the children about significance of this event. Please book via email or at the door, if you wish to participate.

Easter Egg Hunt

On **Thursday, 14th of April** we will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt, as well as an Easter Bonnet Parade.

On this day:

- *all children will come dressed in colourful clothes and ready to go on a hunt in the local park, and/or in the garden.
- *we will be making Easter bonnets and send them home with you at collection time.
- *during collection time we will be organising a little parade for the parents.
- *please note the parade will take place at 1.30pm, 3.30pm and 5.30pm. You are invited to join in depending on your child's collection time.

Visaki Party

On **Thursday, 14th April** we will be having a lovely traditional lunch, followed by a dancing party straight after lunch!

Earth Day

On the **25th and 26th of April** we will be celebrating Earth day, therefore, we are sending out a challenge for all children.

Parents/carers will be working together to support the children's understanding of what we can do to protect our planet or the impact/climate change. All the learnt information and ideas will be placed into a project.

The project can be a drawing, a 3D model or even a display board/cardboard.

We are very excited to see everyone's projects and happy to announce that we will be handing out prizes to your little ones during this challenge.

All projects will be sent to the setting by the 24th of April.

Switch off engine while in car park

Dear parents, in the effort of trying to protect our children from the CO2 emissions, we are asking all parents to switch off their engines while in the car park. Thank you for your support in keeping the children healthy and contribute to the safety of the environment.

Dates for your calendar

- **6th April**-Ramadan story
- **14th April** - Easter Egg Hunt.
- **14th April** - Visaki Party
- **15th April** - Bank Holiday -nursery closed
- **18th April**- Bank Holiday -nursery closed
- **22nd April** - Inset day- nursery closed
- **25th-26th April**- Earth Day children to present their very own Global Care Project
- **16th August** -Elstree Graduation (this is the new date after the change)
- **19th August** -Shenley Graduation

Safeguarding at TAS

One of the ways in which we make sure your child is safe is by implementing our responsibility to take all necessary steps to ensure the safety and welfare of all the children in our care in line with the procedures laid out by our local Safeguarding Partnership ("LSP").

TAS Designated Safeguarding Lead is Vanda and secondary is Demi.

During the day you can reach them on the nursery landline and out of hours in case of an emergency you can reach Vanda on 07983154372 and Demi on 07501218646.

In an emergency, contact the Police Child Abuse Investigation Team or dial 999.

Police Child Abuse Investigation Team
020 8733 5070.

Reminders for parents

- **Please ensure you are sending sufficient nappies and wipes for your child.**
- Can we kindly remind you that if a child gets sick during nursery hours please make arrangements to collect them as soon as possible.
- Please make sure your child has **spare labelled clothes** at all times.
- **Labelling** - All children's spare clothing and school uniform **MUST** be labelled, to avoid confusion in the cloakroom.
- **Please like and follow our new Facebook Page!** You can find us by searching **@totsandscholarsnursery**.
- **Show and Tell Days are returning!** Every **Wednesday** your child can bring a toy from home. Please ensure toys are labelled as children will be encouraged to take turns and share them.

Tots and Scholars Sponsored Camp Out- Ukraine's charity fundraising

A massive thank you for your support and contribution towards the camp out organised in Elstree.

Our team has bravely endured the cold, for a night, to support children affected by the war in Ukraine.

We are really proud to announce that the Camp Out has been raising a total of **£1,460**. These money will be entirely going to Ukraine's charity for children.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your contribution and to our team for their kindness and bravery!



UNCOLLECTED CHILD POLICY

TAS policies and procedures

In the event that a child is not collected by an authorised adult at the end of a session/day, we put into practice agreed procedures. These ensure the child is cared for safely by an experienced and qualified practitioner who is known to the child. The child will receive a high standard of care in order to cause as little distress as possible.

We inform parents/carers of our procedures so that, if they are unavoidably delayed, they will be reassured that their children will be properly cared for.

§ Parents are informed that if they are not able to collect the child as planned, they must inform us so that we can begin to take back-up measures. We provide parents with our contact telephone number.

§ We inform parents that we apply our child protection procedures in the event that their children are not collected from setting by an authorised adult within one hour after the setting has closed and the staff can no longer supervise the child on our premises.

§ If a child is not collected at the end of the session/day, we follow the following procedures:

-The child's file is checked for any information about changes to the normal collection routines.

-If no information is available, parents/carers are contacted at home or at work.

-If this is unsuccessful, the adults who are authorised by the parents to collect their child from the setting - and whose telephone numbers are recorded on the Registration Form - are contacted.

-All reasonable attempts are made to contact the parents or nominated carers.

-The child does not leave the premises with anyone other than those named on the Registration Form or in their file.

-If no-one collects the child after the setting has closed and there is no-one who can be contacted to collect the child, we apply the procedures for uncollected children.

-We contact our local authority children's social care team :Updated numbers on the Important Numbers Board! For urgent enquiries call 0300 123 4043 or 999 if in immediate danger

-The child stays at setting in the care of two fully-vetted workers until the child is safely collected either by the parents or by a social care worker.

-§ Depending on circumstances, we reserve the right to charge parents for the additional hours worked by our staff.

**Please note that the late fee collection will be applicable!*

***It is the parent's responsibility, and a legal requirement, to ensure that they have emergency contacts for such situations and avoid late collection at all times.*

****Full policy and procedure can be found in TAS Policies and Procedures.*

PROCEDURES

POLICIES

ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

Eggy cress eggs

Plant some cress in empty egg shells to grow eggy cress heads! Cress is an absolute cinch to grow - you don't even need soil or potting compost, since cress will grow in kitchen paper or cotton wool.

You don't need a pot or container because for this project you can use an empty egg shell as the container!



DISH OF THE MONTH

Butternut squash, olives and feta cheese cous-cous

- Preheat your oven
- Boil your couscous for the appropriate time stated on the packaging
- Peel and chop your butternut squash
- chop 2 red peppers
- chop 1 onion
- Add to a lined baking tray
- season with salt and pepper
- place into the oven for around 30 mins until your butternut has gone soft
- drain your cous cous
- Chop up your feta cheese and olives
- Add your butternut squash mixture to your cous cous and give it a mix
- add your olives
- Serve
- Garnish with Feta cheese and dried parsley



ENJOY!

Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!