



TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2021

Dear TAS parents and carers,

Our favourite month of the year is here and we are enjoying the winter days learning and exploring different Christmas and Chanukah activities as well preparing for the Concert! Have a look inside of the Newsletter to see all the exciting activities we have prepared for your little ones.



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 9th December AND Friday, 10th December, Christmas Jumper Day will be celebrated at Tots and Scholars. On this day, every parent, child and teacher is encouraged to bring their festive spirit (and a £1 donation) to the nursery in the form of wearing their favourite Christmas jumper. We have chosen 2 days this year to ensure we include children from all sessions.

Secret Santa

Monday, 20th December and Wednesday, 22nd December.

This year we have decided that all children will be participating in a Secret Santa game. Each child will pull a name, of one of their friends, from a hat. The nursery teacher will let you know the picked name. Will kindly ask you to help your little one pick and wrap a present (worth of £5) for the child they have picked. This will enable the children understand the concept of sharing, do an act of kindness, encourage relationships and build confidence with their peers.

Christmas Post Box

Friday, 10th December 2021

Starting with next week, we will make available outside of the nursery a Christmas box, where you can post all your Christmas cards and greetings for children and staff.

The collection and distribution of all cards will be done on the 10th December.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Christmas closure:

- 23rd December 2021 - Last day of nursery- early closure 3.30PM
- 4th January 2022- First day back- open as usual.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DATES

Shenley: 13th of December for Butterfly room between 4PM and 6PM. Only 2 parents/carers per child will be allowed. Please see attached further information in the email.

Shenley: 14th of December for Caterpillar room between 4PM and 6PM. Only 2 parents/carers per child will be allowed. Please see attached further information in the email.

Elstree: 15th of December for Butterfly room between 4PM and 6PM. Only 2 parents/carers per child will be allowed. Please see attached further information in the email.

Elstree: 16th of December for Caterpillar room between 4PM and 6PM. Only 2 parents/carers per child will be allowed. Please see attached further information in the email..

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- 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.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER

Dear parents,

We would like to introduce to you our new Business Operations Manager, Andreea Nedelea, who joined our setting in September. I am sure you have seen some changes over the past few months, this is as a result of carrying out several audits. Andreea has been implementing new strategies and systems (to follow) to enable our back end operations to run even smoother. Andreea Nedelea is a very experienced Manager with over 15 years of childcare experience. She has a Master in Electronic Business Management, specialising in Cybernetics, Statistics and Economic Informatics, a BA (hons) in Electronic Economic Science, an early years assessor CAVA qualification, an Internal Quality assurance level 4 qualification and a Level 3 qualification in Early Years. Andreea has worked as a Nursery Manager, Area Manager and Academy Manager. She has experience working in EYFS and Montessori settings and has been training teachers for a long period of time. Please help us in welcoming her into the TAS Family.



BRITISH VALUES AND PREVENT DUTY

TAS policies and procedures

The Policy and Procedure of the month is British Values.

Tots and Scholars Nursery and Pre-School is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the nursery are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them. It follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. Tots and Scholars Nursery and Pre-School is dedicated to preparing children for their adult life beyond the formal examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British values to all its children.



**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.**

ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

Christmas cards making

Making your own Christmas card is not only fun to do – but is appreciated so much more by your loved ones. You can help your children make handmade Christmas cards to give to family and friends at Christmas. Some of the resources you might need are paper, felt tips, different stickers, paint, glitter, sequins, googly eye and lots of cheer. Put on some carols and let your child's imagination and yours go wild :) You might need a Hoover on stand by, but the fun is guaranteed!



Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!