



TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

Dear TAS parents and carers,

After a very busy month with lots of exciting activities, we welcome December. 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

A visit from MP Mr Dowden

We are very proud to welcome one of our local MPs to our Elstree setting on the Friday 2nd December. This is a day to celebrate our achievements, outstanding practice and create great links with our Borough. Please can all the children come to nursery dressed in their full uniform, as this is an opportunity to welcome Mr Dowden to our TAS Family! (Event postponed from November)

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 8th December it is Christmas Jumper Day. We would like to welcome the children to join us by dressing up in a Christmas Jumper or traditional Christmas colours (red, green and gold).



TAS Christmas Concert

It is the most wonderful time of the year! We are so excited to welcome everyone to our biggest and final event of the year, our TAS Christmas Concert! Following on from a very busy year, we are looking forward to putting on a fanTASTic show for you all to enjoy. An email confirming times for the concerts has been sent out to parents, please do confirm your attendance with us if you haven't already. May we kindly ask that your little ones wear traditional Christmas colours (red, green, gold) and ask you all to bring your Christmas spirit for this fun filled event. We will have a mocktail waiting for you on arrival!



Hanukkah Celebration

With Hanukkah around the corner, we will be celebrating the festival of light with the children on 20th December. The children will have the opportunity to meet the local Rabbi, where they will have the chance to hear wonderful stories around this tradition, as well as light the candles to pay homage to this special time of year. The children will be crafting their own cards to give to their loved ones.

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

- **2nd December** - Mr Dowden MP Visit - **Elstree**
- **6th December** - Christmas Concert - **Elstree**, Butterfly Room - **3:45pm-5:30pm**
- **7th December** - Christmas Concert - **Elstree**, Caterpillar Room - **3:45pm-5pm**
- **8th December** - Christmas Jumper Day
- **14th December** - Christmas Concert - **Shenley**, Butterfly Room - **4pm-6pm**
- **15th December** - Christmas Concert - **Shenley**, Caterpillar Room - **10:30am-11:30am**
- **20th December** - TAS Hanukkah Celebration

PLEASE NOTE THE LAST DAY OF TERM WILL BE **FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER** finishing at **3:30pm**

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.

DATA PROTECTION & E-SAFETY POLICY

TAS policies and procedures

Data Protection is important, not because it is about protecting data, but because it is about protecting people. People can be harmed if their data is misused, or if it gets into the wrong hands, through poor security or through careless disclosures. They can also be harmed if their data is inaccurate or insufficient and decisions are made about them, or about what services to provide them with.

The Act requires that any personal data held should be: processed fairly and lawfully; obtained and processed only for specified and lawful purposes; adequate, relevant and not excessive; accurate and kept up to date; held securely and for no longer than is necessary.

Data about children, Families and Carers The organisation considers that the following personal data falls within the categories set out above:

- Personal details including name, address, age, and status.
- Where specific monitoring systems are in place, ethnic origin and nationality will also be deemed as relevant;
- Emergency contact details;
- Notes on discussions between management and the family or carers;
- Records or reports about progress or education needs.
- Absence and sickness information.
- Behaviour management plans and incidents Care plans Data passed to the organisation regarding safeguarding issues.

Disclosure of Personal Data of children and Families or Carers Personal data may only be disclosed outside the organisation with the written consent, where disclosure is required by law or where there is immediate danger to the child

- Safeguarding
- Criminal activity
- Ethical queries
- Situations where there maybe immediate danger, e.g. suicidal; Guidance which is specific to Safeguarding and care can be found at:

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationdetail/page1/DCSF-00807-2008>

PROCEDURES

POLICIES



ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

Do you want to build a Snowman?

Come on, let's go and play. It may be getting colder outside, but winter is a wonderful time of year. With the weather changing we would like the children to create their very own snowman. You can use, colouring pencils, paint, glitter, sticks, or whatever materials you at home to design your own unique snowman!

Walking in a Winter Wonderland..

As we head into the another season, we would love it if the children could think about what is their favourite part of the winter season. Is there an special activity you enjoy during winter? A food or drink that reminds you of this season? Or a special place? We would like the children to create a poster of their interpretation of their very own Winter Wonderland and all of the things that make it spectacularly wonderful!



Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!