



TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2022

Dear TAS parents and carers,

After a wonderful and busy month, with new families joining and children settling in beautifully, we welcome February. A month where we will be celebrating love, respect and friendship along many other fun filled, learning activities!



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Storytelling week

Between 31st January and 4th February, parents are invited to read stories to their child's classroom. Please email or call the nursery for an appointment.

Chinese New Year

Happy New Year to all children and families celebrating Chinese New Year!

On Tuesday, 1st January we will be having a traditional lunch to mark this event.

Valentine's Day

Monday, 14th February, we will be celebrating love, respect and friendship in the nursery. All children will be coming dressed in red and will be having a fun filled day with arts, crafts, singing, dancing, talking about friendships and recognise our friends most kind gestures.

Pancake Day

Wednesday, 16th February we will be celebrating Pancake day. Children will be joining us in making pancakes, cutting toppings, fill the pancakes and take part in a race.

Parents consultations

Between 21st and 25th February, we will be holding our Termly Parent Consultations. There will be 15 minutes slots for all children.

Please book at the door with leaders.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Gold Award: Monday, 7th February 2022- Early Years Inspection from the Borough for the Gold award (Elstree)- you are very welcome to give them your feedback about the nursery.
- Story telling week- Book a date an time with the nursery management.
- Parents consultations- book a slot with your child's key person.

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

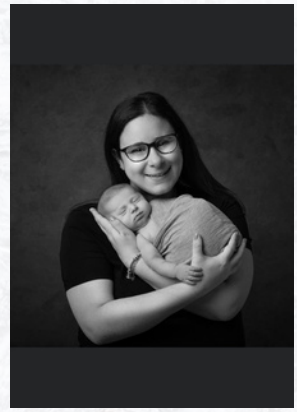
- **Please ensure you are sending sufficient nappies and wipes for your child.**
- Can we kindly remind you that if a child gets sick during nursery hours please make arrangements to collect them as soon as possible. Please make sure your child has **spare labelled clothes** at all times.
- **Labelling** - 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.

5 YEARS AT TAS

Dear parents,

As you all know, has become a tradition at TAS to congratulate our colleagues, when they reach an important milestone and this month, we would like you to help us extend our congratulations to Ms Lucy (Elstree Branch) for being part of TAS family for the past 5 years.

She is a valued member of staff, a skilled professional, an amazing teacher, a loved colleague and a fresh new mum who we hope will still be part of TAS family for many years to come!
CONGRATULATIONS, LUCY!



BABYSITTING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

TAS policies and procedures

Our practitioners have a duty of professionalism both in and out of our setting.

This policy is for staff and parents who wish to make arrangements for babysitting outside of nursery hours.

At Tots and Scholars we have a rigorous recruitment procedure to ensure that we employ competent and professional members of staff, and uphold our duty to safeguard children whilst on our premises and in the care of our staff. This procedure includes interviews and vetting such as DBS checks and confirmation of references and qualifications. Furthermore, whilst in our employment, all staff members are subject to ongoing supervision, observation and assessment, to ensure that standards of work and behaviour are maintained in accordance with our policies. We have no control over the conduct of staff outside of their position of employment, and our duty to safeguard children as above does not extend to private arrangements. As such:-

- All private arrangements for babysitting work must be approved in advance by management and declared in the staff "Babysitting Folder" held by the manager.
- We will not take any responsibility for any health and safety issues, conduct, grievances or any other claims arising out of the staff member's private arrangements outside of nursery hours.
- In the event that private babysitting duties are viewed to interfere with any aspect of the staff member's employment, we may require that the agreement be terminated.
- Confidentiality of children, other staff members and all clients must be adhered to and respected. Discussions about the setting, other children, parents or employees are not permitted and would be considered breach of contract.
- The staff member must declare any income from babysitting (as this could be deemed taxable income) through self-assessment to HMRC.

ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

Valentine's day heart bouquet

As this month, our focus will be learning about kindness, friendship, love and celebration of the loved ones, with minimal prep, the Heart Bouquet is a hands-on activity for little hands to scunch, cut, sprinkle and stick.

Put them together and you have a gorgeous, colourful Valentines bouquet with a difference.

Here's what you need, but any resources are optional.

Imagination is the one thing, you and your little, will mostly need 😊

- Red and Pink Card, Tissue Paper, Glitter, Buttons, Sequins, Green Pipe Cleaners, PVA Glue.

You might need a Hoover on stand by, but the fun is guaranteed!



Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!