



# TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023

### Dear TAS parents and carers,

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

### Thank You to our TAS Family & Welcome to our new Families!

We hope that you all have a wonderful and restful Christmas and are ready to start another fanTAStic year! We want to also welcome all of the new children and their families that are joining our forever growing TAS family! We have many exciting events to look forward to this year. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all, we have achieved such amazing accomplishments this year and we wouldn't be here without the hard work from our staff and continuous support for the families and parents. We appreciate all of you so much! We will be sending out our Yearly Review Questionnaire and would be most grateful for your feedback, so we can continue to keep TAS Outstanding!

### Winnie the Pooh Day

Get ready for an adventure to the Hundred Acre Woods with Christopher Robin and his very special friends! "A donkey named Eeyore is his friend, and Kanga and little Roo, there's Rabbit and Piglet, and there's Owl, but most of all Winnie the Pooh!" We need your welly boots and your binoculars ready as we are off to hunt for Winnie the Pooh's favourite food..HONEY!

### Chinese New Year

On Sunday 23rd January it will be Chinese New Year and we are looking forward to celebrating the year of the Rabbit in the nurseries on 19th January. There will be lots of exciting activities including decorating lanterns, creating our own red envelopes to gift to the local community as well as enjoying traditional dragon dances.

### National Story Telling Week

With Winnie the Pooh Day earlier in the month, what a fantastic way to end our first month of the year! Not only will we be celebrating all of the amazing stories that we know and love, but we will be encouraging the children to open up their imagination and create their very own stories!

### 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 January** - Nurseries closed
- **3rd January** - Children back to nursery
- **18th January** - Winnie the Pooh Day
- **19th January** - Chinese New Year
- **30th January** - National Story Telling week begins

### 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.

# GROUP A STREP AND SCARLET FEVER

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**Q. What is the difference between Group A Strep and Scarlet fever?**

A. Scarlet Fever is caused by Group A Strep when the bacteria starts producing a toxin that causes a rash. When a healthcare professional diagnoses a child with Scarlet Fever they are required to notify the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

**Q. I have cases of Group A Strep being reported by parents in my school what actions should I take?**

A. Group A Strep is a common bacterial infection which typically causes infections such as scarlet fever, tonsillitis, and impetigo. No additional actions are required above and beyond standard hygiene measures such as regular cleaning, regular hand washing and respiratory hygiene measures (e.g. covering coughs and sneezes). The child may be unwell and should stay at home if too unwell to be in school. If they are well, children are not infectious after 24 hours on antibiotic treatment and can return to school once they're feeling well enough after this period.

**Q. What can I do to help minimise the risk of having an outbreak?**

A. All settings should be maintaining good standards of cleaning and following the infection prevention control advice within this guidance on a day to basis already Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) In addition good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up, or spreading, infections.

**Q. I have several cases of scarlet fever being reported by parents - what actions should I take?**

A. You should contact UKHSA in the following circumstances: • Setting has one or more cases of chickenpox or flu in the class that has scarlet fever at the same time. This is because infection with scarlet fever and either chickenpox or flu at the same time can result in more serious illness. • Setting is experiencing an outbreak of scarlet fever in a setting / class that provides care or education to children who are clinically vulnerable. • The outbreak continues for over 2 weeks, despite taking steps to control it. • Any child or staff member is admitted to hospital with any Group A Strep (GAS) infection (or there is a death). • Email: [eastofenglandhpt@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:eastofenglandhpt@ukhsa.gov.uk) or Phone: 0300 303 8537 If an educational setting has two or more cases of scarlet fever and do not meet any of the criteria above, they do not need to report this to the health protection team currently.

PROCEDURES

POLICIES

## ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

### Chinese New Year - Red Envelope Gift

In January we will be celebrating Chinese New Year! 2023 will be the year of the Rabbit! A special tradition is the exchange of red envelopes and gifts. As the colour red is symbol of good luck. The small gifts usually contain small items of food like fruit, cake, chocolate. We'd like the children to prepare their own small gifts in red paper to pass on to a friend, family member or someone special to them



### Christmas Holiday..

It's the most wonderful time of the year! We are sure that you are all so excited for Christmas and to spend time with your families. Here are a few activities for you:

- Decorate a Gingerbread house
- Create your own Christmas decorations
- Help to wrap Christmas presents for your friends & families
- Visit a Christmas market
- Donate a meal to your local soup kitchen
- Donate a small hamper of essentials a shelter



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!*