



TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2022

Dear TAS parents and carers,

After a wonderful and busy month, with new families joining and children settling in really well, we welcome March and looking forward to a great and shiny spring. During this month we will be celebrating the love, respect and appreciation we have towards the strong, loving, kind and amazing mothers from TAS family.



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

World book day

Children will be celebrating **world book day on the 3rd and 4th of March**. They will come dressed as their **favourite** character and we will have lots of fun and surprises throughout the day.

Purim and St Patrick's Day

On the 17th March 2022, children will be celebrating Purim and St Patrick's day. **No uniform**. All children can choose to either dress up as their **favourite animal** (no Spiderman, Superman, princesses or Unicorns please) or in **green**. Rabbi Tania will come to talk to the children about the importance of Purim and the teachers will be talking to the children about the story of St Patrick why we celebrate this day.

Holli Day/ Messy play

On the 18th March, Holi day/ messy play the nursery will be full of colours and messy play. **Children will wear colourful clothes on this day** and will kindly ask you to ensure we have spare clothes at the nursery for your child.

Mother's Day

28th March we will be celebrating **Mother's day** through lots of fun activities and singing. **All mothers and grandmothers are invited**.

9.30-10.30AM- Butterfly Shenley
11AM-12PM- Caterpillar Shenley
3.30PM-4.30PM- Caterpillar Elstree
4.30PM-5.30PM- Butterfly Elstree

Gold award - Make a difference

As part of our Gold Award project, we have partnered up with nurseries from abroad to support the children in need and make a difference in their lives through learning opportunities but also provide much needed daily consumables. Therefore, we will be kindly asking you to donate any items your child no longer needs and that are in a good condition. This includes books you are no longer using, toys, clothes in good condition, nappies, wipes, new toothbrushes, toothpaste, sleeping bags, etc.

All these items will be dropped off between **28th of March and 1st of April, in the nursery**. A company will be collecting and distributing them abroad in April.

Dates for your calendar

- **3rd and 4th of March -World book day**
- **1st -15th March - Inclusion/Equality and Diversity** - Family picture to be sent to the nursery.
- **17th March - Purim and St Patrick Day**
- **18th March - Holli Day/Messy play**
- **28th March - Mother's day** (different times for each class and setting)
- **28th March-1st April-** donation collection for Gold Award - Make a difference in children's lives

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.

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion at TAS

This month we will be focusing on children learning about inclusion, equality and diversity. We will be learning about our differences in culture, beliefs and how these differences can bring us closer together; despite of us being so different we are all equal, how we are all friends, care and love each other.

In support of this, we will kindly ask all parents to **send us a picture with the full family dressed in traditional clothes or during a family event where you celebrate an important event/tradition and everyone is together.** Please send the picture to the nursery by the 15th of March.



COVID 19 UPDATES

TAS policies and procedures

Current arrangements

Following the announcement on February 21st by Boris Johnson, we have looked at the nursery risk assessment and the new government guidance in regards to Covid-19. We have consulted the Senior Management and the Board, Public Health and DfE in regard to the following information.

Our main aim is to have our children in full time, whilst keeping the children and the staff safe and well as well as taking into account vulnerable children and staff.

Parents, carers and staff will no longer be required to wear face coverings in communal areas or when on the school site however, any adult is welcome to do so if they choose.

Staff do not need to continue testing for Covid-19 twice weekly, if they were doing so. Contacts no longer have to self-isolate or test daily. **The nursery will no longer be sending warn and inform letters.**

If a child or staff member has covid-like symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they should not attend school until they are better (5 days), to prevent other pupils and staff from possible infection with Covid-19.

Children and staff should return to school following Covid-19 when they have tested negative on a LFD.

The schools will not permit children or staff who have tested positive for Covid – 19 or who have symptoms of Covid – 19 to attend nursery.

The nursery will continue to ventilate well and keep high levels of hygiene throughout the day.

We cannot wait to welcome our parents and carers back into nursery more regularly. We will be organising various events over the rest of the year and look forward to seeing you all in the building!



PROCEDURES



POLICIES

ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

Apple activity to learn about diversity

You will need:

- Apples of different colour, ideally a red apple, a green apple and a yellow apple. (If you cannot find apples of different colours, then size is also good)

Procedure:

- Show your child/children the apples.
- Let your child explore them and discuss the differences. You could go on to draw the apples, or colour them. Discuss the colours that they see.
- After you have finished the discussion of the outside characteristics, have a cut each of the apples in half. Without showing your child the OUTSIDE of the apple, ask if they can tell the colour of the apple by looking at the INSIDE only. Chances are, they won't be able to.
- **Discussion:**
- This activity is a wonderful conversation to have about the celebration of diversity. It is also lovely that inside of the apples there is the shape of a star, which can be linked to the human heart. The message being, 'Although we may all look different on the outside, we all look the same on the inside. We should be accepting of the variety of colours that are seen in our environment and the world around us, but to know, we are all the same at the end of the day. We all have families, we all want love, we all want to be LOVED, we all want something to hope for!'



Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!