



# TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2022

Dear TAS parents and carers,

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

### Dates for your calendar

- **2nd May** - Bank Holiday - **Nursery closed**
- **3rd May** - Eid Celebration - Multicultural Day
- **11 May** - Private School Talk with Miss Demi
- **17th May** - Mock Ofsted inspection Shenley
- **19th May** - May Fun Day - Fundraising Event
- **24th May** - Mock Ofsted Inspection Elstree
- **25th May** - Nature Trail Day (Shenley)
- **31st May** - Natural Trail Day (Elstree)
- **16th August** - Elstree Graduation (this is the new date after the change)
- **19th August** - Shenley Graduation

### Eid Multicultural Day

On **Tuesday, 3rd of May** we will be celebrating Eid through a Multicultural Day. All children come dressed in their traditional clothing. Children will be joining a party with all over the world traditional songs and traditional food.

### Private School Talk

On **Thursday 12th May at 11am** we will be hosting a Private school talk with Demi and Vanda, via Zoom. Joining links will be sent closer to the time and we are looking forward to talking to you.

### May Fun Day - Fundraiser

On **Thursday 19th May**, we are looking forward to invite you all to our TAS Gallery Fund Raising event. This is to further support our Gold Award program, Further details to follow.

### Nature Trail Day

This month, children from both settings will be going on a Nature Trail.

#### Shenley Branch - Wednesday 25th May

Children in Butterfly Room will go on a Bear Hunt acting out the story and complete a scavenger hunt. Caterpillar Room will go on a Bug Hunt to the local park followed by a picnic.

#### Elstree Branch - Tuesday 31st May

Children from Butterfly room will go on a Bear Hunt acting out the story and complete a scavenger hunt. Caterpillar Room will go on a Bug Hunt to the local park followed by a picnic.

### 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.

### 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.

## ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS

TAS policies and procedures

Starting with 1st of April 2022 we have transitioned all of our Accidents and Incidents records on our Online Platform Famly.

Please see below the procedures, and will kindly ask that if you are notified of an accident or incident via Famly that you acknowledge it via the platform.

We are also keeping an Accident/Incident Book which is safely kept and is accessible to all staff members and volunteers who use it when required. Any accident, however minor is entered into Famly and Accident Book by the member of staff witnessing the accident. It is then that member of staff's responsibility to ensure that either the parent, or the carer is informed and the Accident/Incident is acknowledged by the parent (or carer) on the day that the accident occurred.

An action plan sheet is completed after each form / page and the Accident/Incidents are reviewed monthly to identify any potential or actual hazards.

When there is any injury requiring GP or hospital treatment to a child, parent, staff member, volunteer or visitor, or in the unlikely death of a child or an adult on the premises, we make a report to the Health and Safety Executive using the RIDDOR format. Ofsted is also informed in these circumstances.

### Procedures in the event of an accident/incident

Great care should be taken at all times to prevent injury to children and staff. However, accidents will happen and the way they are dealt with is extremely important.

·Tots and Scholars Nursery and Pre-School will always have at least a staff member on duty who will have Ofsted approved current First-Aid certificate covering babies and Young children. Following the latest requirement, all Tots and Scholars staff are First Aid Trained.

·Nursery will ensure that the first -aid equipment is kept clean, replenished and replaced as necessary. Sterile items will be kept sealed in their packages until needed.

·Safety gloves must be worn when dealing with any cuts, saliva or other body fluids: and then disposed of in the appropriate manner.

·The wound will be cleaned with sterile cloths or a cold compress applied. No ointment will be applied.

·If hospital attention is needed then the nursery manager, deputy manager or room leaders will make that decision and will take the necessary action to get that person to hospital.

·Staff must be aware of procedures for telephoning for an ambulance. Every effort must be made to contact the parents /carers.

### Emergency Treatment

Prior parental consent for emergency/ medical treatment is asked for on the registration form completed by parents when the child joins the nursery.

We meet our legal requirements for the safety of our employees by complying with RIDDOR.

**\*\*\*Full policy and procedure can be found in TAS Policies and Procedures.**

PROCEDURES

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## ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

### Scavenger hunt

As the weather is getting warmer and we are getting ready for the Nature Trail, to extend children's learning at home, for this month's activity, we are suggesting a Scavenger Hunt. The little ones will love an open-ended scavenger hunt (find something thin, something brown, something brittle, something rough, something round, something oval, something small, something hard, something big). We will first suggest you sit down with them and make a list of things they think could find in nature and you add the above suggestions, too. The clues will teach about colours, textures, and also scientific concepts can for the older children—for example, they need to search for something translucent that "lets the light shine through a bit."



## DISH OF THE MONTH

### Potato and Chickpea curry -

1. In a large pan or casserole pot gently cook the onion for 5 minutes in the sunflower oil.
2. Next add the garlic, ginger, garam masala and curry paste, continue cooking for 3 minutes over a medium heat.
3. Add the potatoes and chickpeas and give them a stir in the lovely spices making sure everything is coated. Pour in the tomatoes and coconut milk and bring to a steady simmer.
4. Season and continue to cook for 10-15 minutes, or until the potatoes are soft. If the sauce feels a little dry just add a little water.
5. Just before serving stir in the spinach and coriander then serve with the yogurt. ( optional )



ENJOY!

*Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!*