



TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022

Dear TAS parents and carers,

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

Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator @ TAS

Throughout the month of November we will be having visits from our SEN Team at Hertfordshire. If you are having concerns about your little one, please do not hesitate to let us know.

State School Talk

On the 9th November at 9:30am, we will be holding a Microsoft Teams meeting for those interested in applying to a mainstream School. We will be joined by Karen from the BECC Centre who will be on hand to also provide you with some useful information. A link will be sent closer to the date for parents to join us for this informative discussion.

A visit from MP Mr Dowden

We are very proud to welcome one of our local MPs to our Elstree setting on the 11th November. 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!

Remembrance Day

On the 11th November we will be creating our own poppy reef and walking to the local memorial to pay our respects to those that lost their lives in the war.

Children In Need

On the 18th of November we will be holding a cake sale to raise money for the charity Children in Need. We encourage all Children to come in wearing pyjamas or yellow/spotty clothing. If any parents wish to donate cakes/cupcakes, please liaise with Managers

Thanksgiving Day

On 25th November we will have a meal together with the Children and discuss all the things that we are thankful for. The Children will help to prepare a hot meal that will be donated to the local shelter.

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

- 9th November - State School Talk
- 11th November - Mr Dowden MP Visit - Elstree
- 11th November - Remembrance Day
- 18th November - Children in Need
- 25th November - Thanksgiving Day

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

Remembrance

DAY



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.

SETTLING IN POLICY

TAS policies and procedures

At Tots and Scholars Nursery we believe that children settle best when they have a key person to relate to, who knows them and their parents well, and who can meet their individual needs. Research shows that a key person approach benefits the child, the parents, the staff and the setting by providing secure relationships in which children thrive, parents have confidence, staff are committed and the setting is a happy and dedicated place to attend or work in. We want children to feel safe, stimulated and happy in the setting and to feel secure and comfortable with staff. We also want parents to have confidence in both their children's wellbeing and their role as active partners with the setting. We aim to make the setting a welcoming place where children settle quickly and easily because consideration has been given to the individual needs and circumstances of children and their families. The key person role is set out in the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Each setting must assign a key person for each child. The procedures set out a model for developing a key person approach that promotes effective and positive relationships for children who are in settings.

PROCEDURES

POLICIES

- We allocate a key person before the child starts however we can change that if the children show attachments towards another staff member.
- In the instance where a home visit is carried out before the child starts, this is done by the manager and the key person. (when possible)
- The key person is responsible for the induction of the family and for settling the child into our setting.
- The key person offers unconditional regard for the child and is non-judgmental.
- The key person works with the parent to plan and deliver a personalised plan for the child's well-being, care and learning.
- The key person acts as the key contact for the parents and has links with other carers involved with the child, such as a child-minder, and co-ordinates the sharing of appropriate information about the child's development with those carers.
- The key person is responsible for developmental records and for sharing information on a regular basis with the child's parents to keep those records up-to-date, reflecting the full picture of the child in our setting and at home.
- The key person encourages positive relationships between children in her/his key group, spending time with them as a group each day.
- We provide a back-up key person so the child and the parents have a key contact in the absence of the child's key person.
- We promote the role of the key person as the child's primary carer in our setting, and as the basis for establishing relationships with other staff and children.



ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

Poster for Black History Month

As we come to the end of celebrating Black History Month, we would like if the Children could create their very own poster on what they have learnt over the past month. We would also love if they could include an interesting fact they have learned about their own culture!

Large Scale Drawing

With Bonfire night just around the corner (Saturday 5th November) we would like our Children to create their own firework display on a large sheet of paper. If you could provide your Child with different coloured felt tips, paint, or any other crafts. We look forward to seeing the beautiful creations from the Children.



Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!