



# TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER  
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Dear TAS parents and carers,

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

### Black History Month

Throughout the month of October we will be learning all about Black History. We will be travelling all across the world, to learn about the different cultures, festivals and traditions celebrated within the Black community. The Children will have the opportunity to watch the great Martin Luther King Jr's famous speech 'I had a dream.' We look forward to letting the Children taste traditional dishes from around the world. On the 12th October we would like to invite our Children to the TAS Carnival. Please feel free to let your little one dress up for the carnival, as we will be exploring the history behind different carnivals and dancing along to the beat!

### Food Bank Collection

This month we will be celebrating Harvest, by collecting items for the local Food Bank. There will be boxes inside the nursery to be filled up with donations. This can also include toiletries and hygiene products. On the week commencing 17th October the Children will be making a hearty soup and warm bread rolls, to send to the Soup Kitchen.

### Sukkot

On the 11th October we will be celebrating Sukkot, by visiting our local Sukkah and having a traditional roast.

### Diwali

On the 24th October we will be celebrating Diwali. We would like to invite the Children to come in dressed up in traditional clothing and would like to invite the parents to also come in to nursery to help us to make Rangoli patterns to decorate the nursery.

### 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

- 3rd October - Harvest Day
- 4th October - Inset Day (Both settings closed)
- 5th October - Jewish Holiday - Elstree Closed
- 10th October - Jewish Holiday - Elstree Closed
- 17th October - Jewish Holiday - Elstree Closed
- 24th October - Diwali Party
- 25th October - State School Talk
- Please note a change in date for the Christmas concerts, this will now be week commencing 5th December (Date TBC closer to the time)

### 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.

# FIRST AID & MEDICATION

## *TAS policies and procedures*

In our setting staff are able to take action to apply first aid treatment in the event of an accident involving a child or adult. All staff at Tots and Scholars are trained. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children. We aim to ensure that first aid training is local authority approved and is relevant to staff caring for young children.

### AIMS:

- To identify the first aid needs of the setting
- To ensure that first aid provision is available at all times when people are on premises, and also off the premises whilst on School trips
- To appoint the appropriate number of suitably trained people as First Aiders and Appointed Persons to meet the needs of the School and to maintain current qualifications for those people
- To ensure that within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at least one person with a current paediatric first aid certificate is on the premises at all times when children are present and accompanies children on outings. The course content will cover that required for St John Ambulance or Red Cross paediatric first aid training, and be renewed every three years.
- To provide relevant training and ensure monitoring of training needs
- To provide sufficient and appropriate resources and facilities
- To inform staff and parents of the Setting's first aid arrangements
- To keep accident records and to report to the HSE as required under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR)

Our accident forms and file: Are kept safely and accessibly in the Filing Cabinet; All staff and volunteers know where it is kept and how to complete it; and Is reviewed at least half termly to identify any potential or actual hazards.

Ofsted is notified of any injury requiring treatment by a hospital doctor, or the death of a child or adult. When there is any injury requiring general practitioner or hospital treatment to a child, parent, volunteer or visitor or where there is a death of a child or adult on the premises, we make a report to the Health and Safety Executive using the format for the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences. (<http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/>)

**Our TAS Library is growing and we would be most grateful for any books based on Festivals and other cultures around the world!**

## ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

### *Make your own Rangoli Pattern*

As we will be celebrating Diwali this month, we would like if the Children would be able to create their very own Rangoli patterns. All you will need is paper and lots of colouring pencils (or paint if you prefer).

### *I Had A Dream...*

As we will be learning all about the great Martin Luther King Jr's dream, we would love if you could send us a video of your little one talking about their dreams.

Whether its their dreams of the future, or dreams they have had the night before, we would love to know what our little explorers dream about!

We will be playing the videos of the Children discussing their dreams throughout the month.



*Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!*