



TOTS AND SCHOLARS NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL



Dear TAS parents and carers,

We are ready for another fanTAStic month of learning, exploring and discovering! We have now entered the colder season as, may we please kindly ask that you bring in coats/jackets for your little ones. We would also like to say a massive thank you to all of the grandparents that participated in Grandparents event! We feel it is important to strengthen the link between the generations and are filled with joy that we were able to demonstrate this at our events with our families. We have all made a promise to ensure we see each other next year!

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Black History Month!



Throughout the month of **October** we will be celebrating Black History Month across our settings! We will be holding activities based on black culture each week throughout the month of October. There will be different activities that your little one will participate in, including drumming, making African clothing using traditional fabrics, food tasting, learning all about the different cultures within the black community and much more. We would also like to encourage parents that would like to come into the setting to read a story or carry out an activity around black history month with the children. On **31st October** we are inviting all the children to be dressed for the TAS Carnival with lots of surprises on the day.

Space Week



Throughout the week **2nd-6th October**, we will be taking part in Space Week. We will be discussing all things outer space, the universe, planets, moons, stars, the sun and much more!

Private School Talk

Each year we hold a talk with parents to discuss private school for their little ones. Ms Demi and Ms Vanda will be conducting this talk on **Thursday 5th October @ 10:30am** via Teams Meeting online. We will be discussing potential schools in the area, together with their expectations, assessments and admissions policies.

Autumn Festival/TAS Carnival



On **31st October** we will be holding our Autumn Festival/TAS Carnival at our settings. Put your party outfits on, as we will be having a disco for the children with Autumnal/Black History activities. If there are any parents that play instruments, we would be delighted to have you come in to play for the children!

Parents Consultations

As we are approaching the end of the year, we would like to ask all parents to book a suitable time for your parent consultation and this will be held throughout the month of **November**. Please note that consultations will run Monday-Friday from 9:30am-4pm. Teams meetings can also be arranged on request.

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your calendar

- **All of October** - Black History Month
- **2nd - 6th October** - Space Week
- **5th October** - Private School Talk
- **31st October** - Autumn Festival/TAS Carnival

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! 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

Here at Tots and Scholars Nursery we regard rest and sleep as an important part of the setting's daily routine. Children need to feel safe and secure within the childcare environment and to have their individual needs met. Rest and sleep is necessary for every child's emotional well-being and physical development.

- Before a child starts to attend the setting we find out from parents their children's individual needs and preferences regarding rest and sleep.
- We ask parents to record all relevant information about each child's needs and preferences on his/her registration record and to sign the record to signify that the information is correct.
- The child's allocated key worker regularly consults with parents to ensure that our record of the child's rest and sleep needs, including any comforters, settling down routines are up to date. Parents sign and date the up dated record to signify that it is correct.
- We implement systems to ensure that children receive rest and sleep that is consistent with their individual needs and preferences as well as their parental wishes.
- We provide a safe quiet supervised area during lunch for children who wish to sleep with sleep mats and light blanket in cooler weather or sheet in warmer weather, ensuring that the child's face is uncovered and monitor their rest at intervals.
- Quiet rest music will be played in the sleeping area and light adjusted for comfort. Staff will monitor the room temperature and environment and address children's clothing needs. We provide quiet times and experiences for children who do not wish to sleep, but require a quiet time i.e. self- choice jigsaws, books, construction, DVD and computers.
- We provide cushions and teddies in the reading area for children to use as a quiet and inactive area during the daily session.
- Staff will observe children's behaviours and monitor their individual needs and be responsive by structuring quiet, solitary play experiences and play areas.
- The rest and sleep areas, equipment and materials will be safe and free from hazards and included in the settings risk assessment.
- All sleep mats will be cleaned with anti-bacterial spray after use and sheets and blankets, which will be provided by parents, will be sent home on a weekly basis or prior at the discretion of the staff.

PROCEDURES

POLICIES

Food Bank Collection

As you may already know, we have kindly asked for food donations for Borehamwood Food Bank. As we are approaching the colder season, we are thinking of those that are less fortunate than us and would therefore love to help support our local community by providing donations to Borehamwood Food Bank. Any donations whether they are big or small can help to make a difference to someone else. Please find a list of items requested by the foodbank on the following page. Thank you in advance!

Donations welcomed throughout the week 2nd-6th October



Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!

BOREHAMWOOD FOOD BANK

WE ARE CURRENTLY EXTREMELY LOW ON...

- RICE (500G OR 1KG BAGS)
- TINNED CARROTS
- CRISPS
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TINNED HOTDOGS
- TINNED MEATBALLS
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD
- COFFEE
- COOKING SAUCES JARS
- TINNED FISH

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- 1L CARTON JUICE

WE'RE STARTING TO RUN LOW ON...

- JAMS, PEANUT BUTTER, HONEY
- UHT MILK (1L)
- PORRIDGE
- BISCUITS
- SPAGHETTI HOOPS
- TEABAGS
- TINNED TOMATOES
- CEREALS
- TINNED PEAS
- TINNED SWEETCORN
- TINNED POTATOES

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- SAVOURY BISCUITS

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY WE CURRENTLY HAVE SUFFICIENT...

- PASTA
 - TINNED PULSES
 - TINNED SOUP
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- BAKED BEANS