



# 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 hope that you have had a well and restful summer holiday with your families. It is that time of year where our oldest Butterfly children are spreading their wings and beginning their wonderful journey to Reception School. As much as we will miss all of our little ones, we are sure they will have an amazing new adventure and we will cherish the memories we have made with them all!

## EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

### Jeans for Genes Day



On 20th September, we will be raising awareness and donations for the charity Jeans for Genes. For this, we would like the children to attend nursery in jeans and would kindly ask for any contributions towards this amazing charity.



### Physical Fun Week - Bikes & Scooters

Throughout the week from 26th-29th September, we will be taking part in Physical Fun week. We would like to encourage the children to bring in their scooters or bikes together with a helmet if they own one, as we will be discussing road safety during the week. This week will be about taking care of our physical wellbeing and incorporating bike/scooter riding as a super fun way for your little ones to stay fit and active!



### Private School Talk & State School Talk

Each year we hold a talk with parents to discuss both state and private school for their little ones. Ms Demi and Ms Vanda will be conducting these talks on the following days:

- 22nd September - Private School Talk
- 29th September - State School Talk

These will be held in the morning via Microsoft Teams meeting. The link will be sent to parents closer to the time. We will be discussing potential schools in the area, together with their expectations and admissions policies.

### Inset day - All Nurseries Closed



A gentle reminder for parents that as planned, we will be having inset day for all staff across all settings on Monday 25th September and all of our settings will be closed. We will open as usual on Tuesday 26th September

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### Dates for your calendar

- 20th September - Jeans for Genes Day
- 22nd September - Private School Talk
- 25th September - Inset Day - All Nurseries closed
- 26th-29th September - Physical Fun Week - Bikes & Scooters
- 29th September - State School Talk

### 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

Our procedure is as follows:

- Before a child starts to attend the setting, we use a variety of ways to provide his/her parents with information. These include written information including our prospectus and policies, displays about our planning of activities, the routine of the room and any other relevant information.
- We allocate a key person to each child and his/her family before she/he starts to attend; the key person welcomes and looks after the child and his/her parents at the child's first session and during the settling-in process.
- We complete a Parent and Child Induction checklist, ensuring we collect all useful information regarding the child to enable us to support him/her during their settling in period and thereafter.
- At registration, we explain the process of settling-in with Parents and jointly decide on the best way to help the child to settle into the setting.
- We have an expectation that the Parent, Carer or close relative, will stay for most of the session during the first week, gradually taking time away from their child, increasing this as and when the child is able to cope.
- Younger children will take longer to settle in, as will children who have not previously spent time away from home. Children who have had a period of absence may also need their parent to be on hand to re-settle them.
- We judge a child to be settled when they have formed a relationship with their key person; for example the child looks for the key person when he/she arrives, goes to her/him for comfort, and seems pleased to be with her/him. The child is also familiar with where things are and is pleased to see other children and participate in activities.
- When parents leave, we ask them to say goodbye to their child and explain that they will be coming back, and when.
- We recognise that some children will settle more readily than others. The Nursery will be flexible in terms of children's individual needs. However some children who appear to settle rapidly are not ready to be left, so we expect that the parent will honour the commitment to stay for at least the first week if needed.
- We do not believe that leaving a child to cry will help them to settle any quicker. We believe that a child's distress will prevent them from learning and gaining the best from the Setting.
- We reserve the right not to accept a child into the setting without a parent or carer if the child finds it distressing to be left. This is especially the case with very young children.
- Staff will be forthcoming with feedback about children's days at Nursery and be available to answer any questions that might arise within initial period and thereafter

# PROCEDURES

# POLICIES



## ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

### Design your own jeans!



Throughout the week from **18th September - 24th September**, the campaign **Jeans for Genes** will be celebrating their national day to raise awareness for the work they do.

They work together with those that deal with daily challenges due to genetic conditions and campaign to raise funds for projects that can help to make a real difference to those that need the support. We would love for you to talk with the children about different charities all around the world and the important work they do support those in need. We would also like to encourage the children to create/design their very own pair of jeans in support of this campaign.

Please see attached below an activity page for your little ones to get create and put together an outstanding pair of jeans!

*Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!*

# Design your own Jeans

