# Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter <u>11th February 2022</u>

### DATES OF NURSERY CLOSURE IN 2022

We are closed: 15th April 2022 - Good Friday 18th April 2022 - Easter Monday 2nd May 2022 - Bank holiday 2nd June 2022 - Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday 3rd June 2022 - Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday 29th August 2022 - Bank holiday 16th December 2022 - Last day of term before Christmas, we will close at 5.30pm Nursery will re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2023

#### <u>Reminders</u>

We hope that your children are enjoying using the toothbrushing chart that was sent home at the start of the month; please continue to fill this in to show when your child is brushing their teeth twice a day and bring it back in to nursery at the end of the month where the staff will exchange it for stickers and a certificate for your child.

If you haven't already please can you bring back your consent form for your child's picture to be taken when at nursery. Their photos are taken by their key worker on a nursery camera which is monitored by senior staff, to go alongside evidence to go in their scrapbooks and files or if they have done/made something they want to capture. Their photos are never shared outside of the setting.



If you haven't already please bring back the All About Me card that was sent home; and **please write your child's name on this so the staff know who it belongs to**. The empty square/rectangle section on the left hand side is for you to write what your child enjoys hobbies/interests/favourite foods, who is in their family etc, if you have any questions please feel free to ask a member of staff who will be happy to help.

#### <u>Staff spotlight</u>

Lily has recently joined the nursery and will be taking over the role of baby room leader working alongside Hannah whilst Emma takes maternity leave. Outside of the nursery Lily is a fully qualified midwife with years experience in the field and plenty of experience in child development. In her spare time Lily is a musician in a local brass band and a scout leader. She is looking forward to sharing her creativity and getting to know the children.



#### Preschool Helper of the Day

From the start of next term, we will be reintroducing 'Helper of the Day' back into the preschool room. In the past the children have really enjoyed taking on this role for the day, helping their teachers and having a sense of responsibility. Each child will get a turn during the term and may be selected for a number of reasons - for example if they are working towards a goal such as toileting and they achieve it, if they have shown really good sharing with their friends, they have shown good listening and behaviour etc. They will be the helper for the whole day (or the duration of their session if they only do half days), and will get to wear a (child-size) tabard the same as the preschool staff wear. Some of the jobs they will get to do include:

- Helping to set the table at snack/lunch time,
- Giving out juice cups/milk at snack time,
- Being at the front of the line at group time or when moving rooms,
- Helping an adult to change the routine board throughout the day,
- Being able to pick out what table top toys the children will play with.

## Support from Oxfordshire Early Years

Parent Line a chat text service coming February 14th, and Marvellous Me, virtual groups run once a week over three weeks to help support parents of under 5s. More information can be found on their facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/OxonEarlyYears/</u>.



Our theme for this fortnight is Valentines Day, the children have enjoyed doing lots of Valentines craft activities and talking about people in our lives who we love. Here are some Valentines themed activities you may wish to try at home with your children:

- Science activity <u>Walking Rainbow Heart Experiment</u>
- <u>Valentines Sensory Tub</u> (suited towards our moon room and preschool children)
- <u>Valentines Sensory Tub</u> (ideal for our babies)
- Valentines Day inspired packed lunch
- <u>Valentines biscuits</u>