

## Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter

18th November 2022



### DATES OF NURSERY CLOSURE IN 2022

We are closed:

16th December 2022 - Last day of term before Christmas, we will close at 5.30pm

Nursery will re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2023

### General information - all rooms

For the last week of term (December 12th-16th), we will be celebrating Christmas so please feel free to dress your child in Christmas clothes throughout the week, the staff at nursery will also be dressing up during this week.

Please remember to pack spare clothes in your child's bookbag, we have had a few children having accidents recently and not having any clothes from home for us to change them into. On this note, if your child has come home wearing nursery clothes after a change, please can you bring them back to the nursery and pass them on to a member of staff so we can put them back in our bathrooms.

Also if you have any donations of spare clothes that your child may have grown out of - this applies to any room at nursery - they would be welcome and greatly appreciated.

Please remember to bring a coat for your child to nursery which is also appropriate for the weather as we will still be trying to get the children outside for some fresh air as much as possible, even if only for a short period of time and we are unable to take them out if they do not have a coat with them.

Also a reminder we are still accepting donations for the Banbury Food Bank, a list of the items that we are looking for can be found on the doors as you drop your child off to nursery but mainly include tinned or canned foods. We are accepting donations until the end of November and then Lorraine will then drop the donations off.

Advice and help from the government on keeping your children healthy and staying well this autumn:

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/10/25/5-ways-to-protect-your-under-5s-this-winter/>.

If your child is currently in Star 2 but will be moving to the moon room in January, please could you bring in photos of any family pets for them to add to their display ready for when your child moves up in the new year.

### Home Start

Home-Start Banbury, Bicester and Chipping Norton is looking for four donors, businesses or companies to raise £500 each to go towards helping the charity offer a vital lifeline to struggling families.

The charity is supported by the Four Acre Trust which will match donations of £500 or more, meaning every donation is doubled and more support will go towards helping families with a wide range of issues, including financial worries to bereavement, postnatal depression, isolation, domestic abuse and more.

Nursery would like to support this if possible and become one of the donors, if we raise £500 it will be matched by the Four Acre Trust as mentioned above. We have 135 children attending nursery so if every child donated £2 along with every member of staff donating

£2, Andrea will then match this from the nursery as a sponsor. We would be very grateful for the support in helping us to reach our total to make the sponsorship.

If you would like to find out any more information on the work that Home Smart does or the support they offer to young children and their families, you can find that here:

<https://home-startbanbury.org.uk/>.

### Information for Star room parents

Over the next two weeks, the star room's theme is food tasting and healthy eating. They will be exploring lots of textures and smells of different foods and combining it with water and jelly play; and they will also be painting with fruits.

If your child is in Star 2 please let us know what their favourite bedtime story is as after Christmas they will be creating a story tree.

We also would like to ask if you have any junk modelling items, e.g. empty egg cartons, milk cartons, cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc, please could you bring these in for our star room to explore and create with. Unfortunately we cannot accept toilet roll tubes.

With the mention of spare clothes, please could you pack a couple of sets of spare clothes, including spare vests and socks, as we have been having to use a lot of nursery spares. If your baby is wearing shoes, please bring in a suitable pair for outdoor play or alternatively a few spare pairs of socks, as unfortunately the waterproof suits we put on them don't cover the children's feet and we would still like to give them an opportunity to go outside.

### Information for Moon room parents

A reminder if your child comes into nursery in wellies to please bring an alternative pair of shoes which we can change them into when at nursery. We understand that some children prefer to wear wellies but they can cause them to trip/fall more easily and can impact how they walk if worn for the duration of the day.

We would like to kindly ask if you have any spare Christmas decorations which you no longer need that you would be happy to donate to nursery for us to decorate our rooms during the last week of term, these would be gratefully received. Also if you have any outgrown newborn or small baby clothes our children would enjoy receiving these to dress our baby dolls and play with them in the home corner.

Their theme over the next fortnight will be Bugs, they will be learning about positioning using bugs (e.g. on top of, behind, next to), exploring symmetry using butterfly wings and learning to use a hole punch to make ladybird spots. They will also be exploring green jelly with bugs inside, looking at pictures of bugs with a magnifier and also creating an edible spider using crackers, cheese spread, raisins and twiglets!

### Information for Sun room parents

Next week is Road Safety week, the sun room will be going on a walk with their teachers to the zebra crossing to talk about the importance of being safe on roads, talk about what they can hear and the rule 'Stop, Look, Listen'. Parents will be sent a letter regarding this, explaining when and where they will be going, who with and to reconfirm consent that you are happy for your child to leave the setting on this supervised walk.

Dental tooth brushing diaries/tick charts will be going out starting next week in the sun room to help support parents and children with teeth brushing. We have done these in the past and the children have enjoyed completing these at home and returning them back to nursery for a certificate/reward from their teachers. When returning them please write your child's **full name** on them so we can confirm who it belongs to.

For the next fortnight, our theme is People Who Help Us, so if any parents have any photos or items they would be happy to send in for the children to look at such as a fireman's hat or photos of family members in uniform that would be greatly appreciated. The children may also have the opportunity for a special visitor to hear first-hand (from someone in an occupation who helps us) exactly what they do and how they help. We will also have lots of dressing up and roleplay opportunities where the children can pretend to be doctors, dentists etc and recreate what they have learned about.

We are pleased to hear that some of the sun room have been talking about our 'rainbow' and Star of the week at home, this is something we have started in the last few months which the children are really enjoying and it might be useful for parents to know in case they are talking about it or you would like to follow similar behaviour management at home.

Our star of the week is awarded once weekly to a child who has done something to make their teachers really proud, for example learning to use the toilet and having a dry week, learning a new skill they have really worked towards or being consistently kind to their friends, helpful to their teachers and always showing good listening and behaviour. It may be your child has recently done something at home

which you think they deserve to be star of the week for - or you think the opportunity to be star of the week may encourage them to do it at home - for example sleeping in their big bed all week, trying new foods or doing something really helpful for you at home.

We also have the rainbow system for day to day praise, the children really enjoy this and understand what it means to be on each part. All the children start their day on the Sun, this is where they are playing nicely, being kind and showing good listening. If they do something which may not be a good choice they may be moved down to the 'Thinking Cloud' where they are encouraged to move their picture down and think about what they have done wrong; then if they can show good choices after, they are able to move back up to the Sun. Above the Sun is the Rainbow which the children try really hard to be on. If they are recognised and praised by their teachers for doing something fantastic they will move up to the rainbow where they get a special sticker and may even receive a certificate if they earn it multiple times throughout the day.