

Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter

28th January 2022



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

Important information

Please ring the nursery or email Andrea to let us know if your child is not going to be attending their session at nursery, for example if they are poorly or on holiday, and in advance where possible (with regards to going on holiday or a day out etc).

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.

Fees and funding

A letter regarding fee increases will be sent next week.

If your child will be entitled to funding after Easter for the first time, please remember to send the code and national insurance number over to Andrea as soon as possible.

Packed lunches

Please remember to include ice packs in your child's packed lunch, especially if they have yoghurt.

If your child is in the **baby room**, you do not need to provide a spoon with their packed lunch as we know sometimes they do not come home so it will be easier for the nursery to provide them. **This only applies in the baby room**, if your child is in the moon or sun room and has a yoghurt/food that requires a spoon please continue to send one in (especially in the sun room as they do not keep or have access to cutlery in their room).

Thank you to parents who have taken note of the mention with changes to packed lunches and encouragement of healthy eating in the last newsletter. We have seen a change of lunches being sent in and a good variety of different foods. We would like to encourage you to keep doing this and referring to the healthy eating and dental advice in our previous newsletter.

Changes affected by Coronavirus

We will soon be arranging dates for our parents evenings/meetings for each of the rooms now that covid restrictions are easing.

Following the updated government guidelines, as of the 27th January masks are no longer required to be worn on the school site or by

staff or parents at handover; however you may still choose to wear one if you wish.

Sharing your child's interests

A reminder for parents to please bring back the All About Me card that was sent home. 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.

We are going to begin looking to try and involve parents in the children's activities and interests and now covid cases are reducing, we will be encouraging children to borrow story bags and resources to read at home and ask parents to record how they enjoyed this as well as sharing activity bags with what we do in the rooms.

Staff updates

Staff have just completed their first aid training, only a couple of staff still need to complete this due to being unable to attend recently.

We have a new member of staff, Lily, starting on Monday who will be a room leader in the baby room working alongside Emma and Hannah. We will introduce Lily to parents at handover next week and also in the next newsletter.

We also have two new members of staff who have begun working in our baby room this January; here is a bit of information about each of them.

Sam

Sam has recently started in the baby room but has worked in many different nurseries and preschools. She lives at home with her two young boys and in her spare time she likes to go on lots of days out especially to the beach.



Tehya

Tehya has recently joined the nursery team, and loves the endless energy of the children that she works with, and she really enjoys being a part of the children's development. When outside of the nursery, she is a musician, with her main passion being singing and playing guitar. She loves anything creative, especially makeup and painting, and is enjoying being able to incorporate her creative energy into life working at the nursery.



Little Explorers

Little Explorers is a page sharing inspiration on family days out in and around Oxfordshire, here is a link to their [website](#), they also have a facebook and instagram page which can be found by searching 'Little Explorers'.

Big Garden Birdwatch 28th-30th January 2022

It's easy to do the Big Garden Birdwatch, simply choose an hour between the 28th and 30th January and count the birds that you see land in your garden, local park or from your balcony. Then tell them what you saw - more information and the link to submit your result can be found [here](#).

Theme of the fortnight

For the next two weeks the theme at nursery is Chinese New Year. The children are starting to learn about this already and are doing craft activities focused around the theme; for example our preschool children have been making dragons and masks.

Here are some videos you could watch at home with your children or activities to try:

[CBeebies: Chinese New Year Zodiac Story](#) (Video)

[CBeebies: Preparing for Chinese New Year](#) (Video)

[Chinese New Year drum craft activity](#)

[Chinese New Year sensory painting activity](#)