



HAVING FUN IN THE MUD KITCHEN



Sunny Days

Children's Nursery

**Fynamore Pre-school
Newsletter,**

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We are now on Facebook

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2017! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some time with your families!

Welcome to our new friends from Lickhill Road and staff updates

This month we will be settling back into the Pre-school and Rachel from Lickhill Road will also be helping our new friends join in.

We would like to welcome the children who all start with us this term. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you and hope that you settle well!

You will receive a letter with some information about your child's key person and our buddy system, please read this as it is important for you to know who is responsible for your child and building a relationship with.

We also welcome Laura, our Deputy Manager and Annie-

Rose, as a key person to the Pre-school. Lynda Milton will be covering Tracy Willett until February half term. Tracy is recovering well.

Pre-school sessions

As some of you are new we thought we would just clarify that we offer a variety of sessions meaning that sometimes children are arriving before 9am. If your child uses their funded hours with us we ask you to wait outside to ensure our ratios are correct until the funded session begins at 9am. May we also remind you of the importance of dropping off and collecting your child on time as we must ensure our ratios are maintained at all times.

Story and Rhyme of the Month

Our story this month is a firm favourite 'Gruffalo Child' written by Julia Donaldson. If the weather gets colder it will fit really well this month!

We will be learning a new song about the weather 'What's the weather like today, to the tune of 'If you're happy and you know it, so you can learn and sing it with your child it is written below:

"What's the weather like today....like today."

What's the weather like today....like today

**What's the weather like today...is it blue or grey,
What's the weather like today....like today!**

RSPB: Big Garden Birdwatch

We will be taking part in the National Bird Watch this term, making our own bird food and counting the number of birds that visit our setting. There are lots of resources available if you would like to get involved at home – visit www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year during the week of 23rd January; it is the year of the Rooster. 'Kung Hei Fat Choy'

You must apply for a School Place if your child is four before September this year (2017!)

The closing is noon on 15th January 2017. You can apply on line on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place>

If you need any help with this please speak with a member of staff.

Children's Bags

Please make sure that your child brings a name you bring in a bag with spare clothes for your child for each session they are in. If your child requires pull ups or nappies please provide them. Also, if your child is sent home in some of our spare clothes please could you return them washed soon after.

Letters and Sounds

At pre-school we focus on Phase One and over the school year we plan regular activities to support the 7 different aspects through child and adult led activities.

Each aspect is divided into 3 strands and develops children's ability to:

- Listen to sounds
- Listen and remember
- Talk about sounds

Boys clothes

We are currently low on boy's clothes; if anyone has any unwanted clothes that we could have it would be appreciated.

'WOW' moments

We are sure that you have many photographs and 'WOW' moments of the children's achievements over the holidays – you can email them in to fynamore@sunnydays-nursery.co.uk or complete a form in the entrance.

Happy Birthday!!!



Oscar 6th
Mason 22nd
Daniel 23rd
George 30th



This terms aspect **is Environmental Sounds** and aims to develop children's awareness of sounds they can hear in the environment.

Why not use the outdoors to encourage children to explore the sounds they can hear. Encourage your child to stop and listen....comment and name sounds that you can hear to support them.

Homemade play dough

- 1 cup of flour (whatever kind you have on hand)
- ¼ cup of salt
- ½ cup of water
- 3 to 5 drops of natural food colouring

Step 1: Mix together the flour and the salt. **Step 2:** Mix together ½ cup of warm water with a few drops of food coloring. **Step 3:** Slowly pour the water into the flour mixture, stirring as you pour. Stir until combined, and then knead with your hands until the flour is completely absorbed. If the dough is too sticky, add more flour until it doesn't stick at all. Most children love to get involved in sensory play and it is so beneficial. They'll enjoy playing with the homemade play dough, especially if you join in too, but they'll want a few toys to play with, especially those that make marks.

Some of the things we give the children to use with their play dough are:

- Kitchen utensils
- Rolling pins
- Cookie cutters