



Sandbrook Park Newsletter January to February



Your child, our privilege



We hope you've all had a fabulous Christmas and wish you all a very Happy New Year for 2018. Welcome back.

A big Fisherfield WELCOME also, to all the families who are joining us this year. If there is anything you are concerned about please ask the team for help, we are here to help your child settle-in and to put your minds at rest.

The children in the nursery have been really busy over the last couple of months and we have some fabulous plans for the New Year.

LITTLE LAMBS LATEST TOPIC – Sensory Items & Transport



Little Lambs have been enjoying exploring the new sensory baskets/boxes and the team are working hard to include more problem solving and critical thinking activities for the children to access on a daily basis.

The staff have developed their key worker boxes and if you haven't been asked already they will be seeking your input to make them as personal as possible.

The children came back from the Christmas break very happy to tell us that lots of you had been getting out and about visiting people over the festive period, so the team decided to explore different forms of transport with the children.

THANK YOU MESSAGES

A massive Thank You to all our parents who have recently taken part in our homework bags project, this is proving popular with lots of recycled items finding a new home in nursery – remember your junk is our treasure! More brown bags will be coming your way soon,. It's been lovely to her such positive comments. Thank You once again for your continous support.

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FARMERS LATEST TOPIC – Healthy Food

The Farmers children have been inspired by healthy food recently making fruit kebabs, enjoying fruit & veg sensory play in their 'soup kitchen' and making their own papier-mache creations.

The children have really enjoyed the healthy food topic so they are going to continue along this theme planning to grow their own, starting with cress and extending their learning with growth and decay experiments.



QUESTION OF THE DAY - As you may have noticed the staff have introduced a 'Question of the Day' for the children to answer in the mornings when they sign in, promoting the importance of having their own thoughts and opinions, please continue to discuss this question with your child.

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Both rooms visited the newly opened Bunnings Garden Centre after the Christmas break, and made a new friend named Matt who kindly donated some plants and an apple tree for the children to plant at the nursery. The children were all excited and the apple tree has prompted us to ask -



Where does food come from? This inspired the children's current topic.

P.E SESSIONS - Farmer's children will be continuing their 'P.E Sessions' this year, we have introduced 'balancing and co-ordination' as well as 'children's Yoga', and the 'Funky Feet' programme. We will be carrying out our lessons on different days to ensure everyone has a chance to take part. We encourage parents to bring a 'P.E Kit' for their children, which can be left on pegs. Please speak to a member of the Farmers team for more information.

Cooking with Faye - Faye has recently revamped the menus for the New Year. Thank You to all of you who took the time to fill in our short survey asking if you had any suggestions for meals. Faye will be sharing her recipes and displaying her menus on her new board near the kitchen. She is going to be getting hands-on with the children and encouraging them to join in on the cooking action.

NSPCC THANK YOU MESSAGES - Thanks so much to those families who came to our Christmas raffle. Lots of you came to see our Nativity play, the children were FABULOUS. Together we managed to push our total raised for NSPCC to £515 so far! What can we say? You are AMAZING! Your continued support is very much appreciated.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETINGS - We are looking to setting up a Parent Council group following the success of our Children's Council. Would you like to volunteer? Would YOU be willing to take part in a regular email exchange so the 'Parent's Voice' is represented when it comes to making decisions about nursery life? If you are interested please come and speak to a member of the Leadership team.

If you have any ideas for experiences or activities please feel free to share, also if you know anybody who works within the community who would be willing to come and give a little talk to the children it would be a great help if you could help us contact them.

Just a reminder for parents- as the weather changes we still provide continuous outdoor play so please could we please ask that you provide waterproof coats and wellies for your child.



Remember to check ParentZone regularly, we post updates on upcoming events and activities to help remind you what is happening at nursery. We really value your feedback, so please keep sharing your pictures and ideas with us. If you are having any difficulties with ParentZone please speak to Gemma or Sarah.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>January</u>	On your Bikes! – Sponsored biking event!
<u>Thurs 1st Feb</u>	Valentine's Hamper tickets go on sale
<u>Fri 2nd Feb</u>	Farmers Children - Visit to Half Acre Residential Care Home
<u>12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb</u>	HALF TERM
<u>Tues 13th Feb</u>	Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day
<u>Wed 14th Feb</u>	Valentine's Day
<u>Mon 19th Feb</u>	Chinese New Year Party - Dress for a party!

FANCY A PARTY?



Did you know that Running Wild, our exclusive children's party centre, located on the top floor at Fisherfield in Middleton, is now on Facebook?

Search 'Running Wild Parties' and like the page to keep up to date with events and news.

If you're interested in booking your child's Private Party at Running Wild, please go to

www.runningwildparties.co.uk - or call Paula on 0161 653 1996

For all current info/updates www.fisherfieldchildcare.co.uk

Bye for now

Gemma & Team



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