



BrightSparks@StokeLodge

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you had a great Christmas.

Highlights for this term:-

This term our planning will be based around Winter. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year towards the end of term.

New Staff.

We have a few new members of staff who have joined our team. Natasha and Oana will be working in our Hedgehog and Rabbit rooms and Kerryn who will join us at the beginning of February will work in our Hedgehog room. In view of this, some children have been given a new keyperson. This will be written in your child's communication book. If unsure, please ask.

Also, at the end of this term both Ellie Lankester and Amber Turner will be going on maternity leave.

Primary School.

If your child is due to start school in September 2017, the deadline date for applying to your chosen schools is **15 January 2017**. If anyone has not yet applied for their place and would like assistance, please let us know as a matter of urgency.

Information.

Please be aware that we have had confirmed cases of both Chicken Pox and Measles at the preschool this term.

Tapestry.

All parents who authorised the use of tapestry should now have access to view your child's learning journal. Please take the time to have a look and feedback your comments.

Please note the new website address to access tapestry.

<https://tapestryjournal.com>

If you are having problems logging on please email us and we will reset your password.

Lunch boxes.

Please can we remind you that your child's lunchbox should not contain sweets, chocolates, nuts or grapes and must be clearly labelled. We encourage, promote and support healthy eating.

Home toys.

Please can we ask that you do not encourage your child to bring in toys of any type from home unless specifically requested. We cannot be held responsible for their damage or if they get lost.

Labelling.

Please remember to label everything clearly with your child's name including cardigans, jumpers & coats. Hopefully then we can ensure everything goes back with the correct child!

General reminders.

As the weather has now turned colder please can you ensure that the children have appropriate clothing, coats, hats gloves etc. as we do play outside in all weathers. Also, please can we ask for you to provide a change of clothes in your child's bag.

Calpol.

For your clarification, our policy is that if the staff are informed that pain relief medication has been given to your child prior to their arrival at pre-school, they will not be able to attend the session.

Holiday Club.

Spaces are still available for February half term, Please remember to book holiday club sessions via the front office.

Term Dates

Monday 3rd January – Friday 10th February

Monday 20th February – Friday 7th April

Monday 24th April - Friday 26th May (1st May is bank holiday)

Monday 5th June - Monday 24th July.