



Village Montessori Nursery School Mid-Autumn 2020

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an amazing past six weeks since all the children coming back to the nursery from September 2020, as both our existing and new children are settling really well despite of the COVID-19 pandemic new practice.

We have recently brought back our 'iconic activity - letter sound of the week'. In the past few weeks our children have been learning letter 'a' and 'b', then 'c' in the coming week. We have changed the duration of this activity from weekly to every fortnightly, with an objective to create more time for our children to revisit the same activity and create more opportunity for them to practice the same letter in different ways, for example link the phonetic sound to different areas of learning in EYFS framework, i.e. Personal, Social and Emotional, Problem Solving, Maths, Understanding of the World, etc.

A reminder of dates for your Diary:

Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Oct	Half term
Monday 2 nd Nov	Launching 'Plastic packaging FREE lunch box' Programme
Wednesday 4 th Nov,	Nursery Post Halloween Mini In House Party - Fancy dress
Monday 16 th -20 th Nov	Cauliflower Fund Raising Christmas Card (PTA)
Thursday 17 th Dec	Annual Christmas singing - Festive dressing up
9 th - 15 th Nov	Children In Needs Fund Raising 2020 week
21 st Dec - 3rd Jan 2021	Christmas holiday

Please note that all the above events will be held in the nursery premises attends by teachers and children only; unfortunately we are not able to invite any parents due to COVID-19. However, we are planning to make a short video for this year Christmas singing then upload to Instagram (provided there isn't any objection from any parents).

NEW CHILDREN

We welcome some new children who join us in this term, Asher, Arthur, Jessica, Evelyn, Jesse, Daniel, Alvo, Emily, Danny, Grayson and Khaleesi.

HALLOWEEN PARTY, Wednesday 3rd Nov

Our PTA team is funding another remarkable and memorable annual 'child friendly' Halloween party in the nursery small hall on Wednesday 3RD Nov, from 10.30am - 12.00noon. The party includes fun games, light lunch, dancing, etc. All the children are welcome even though it might not be their session day.

CHILDREN IN NEEDS FUNDRAISING, Monday 9th - Friday 13th Nov

This year all the children and teachers are taking part in this meaningful national fund raising event by having a **redressing up day** and donate £1. All the good cost will go to BBC Children In Needs 2020.

EASY FUND RAISING

An amazing fund raising by shopping online, your support really does make a difference, so do not forget there are 5,500 online shops and sites (John Lewis, Amazon, Ebay, M&S, etc) you can raise free donations with. Please make sure you shop the easyfundraising way every time you buy something online: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/villagemontessori>

MY NAMETAGS

Do you want to be more organised with your child's primary school property, for example avoid missing jumper, PE kits, book bag etc. Our nursery has signed up with a label printing company call MyNameTags, in returns the nursery PTA will benefit 24% of every order from the purchase your made. For more information, please visit their website www.MyNametags.com

NURSERY CHRISTMAS SINGING, Thursday 17th December, 10am - 12noon

Our annual Christmas Play will be at Rowlands Castle Parish Large Hall. All the children are involved in the event. Father Christmas will give your child a present (prepared and given by the parent prior to the event) behind the stage. Please make a note of your child's Christmas wish and prepare a present for him or her for this event.

SEPTEMBER 2021 ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

In the coming week, the nursery will be sending postcard to parents whose child is living within the Hampshire County boundary born between 01 September 2016 - 31 August 2017 explaining the procedure for September 2021 admission to school. From 1 November 2020, Hampshire residents can apply online or collect an application form from any Hampshire Primary School. In the meantime, please make an appointment to visit any primary school of your choice for your child before filling in your online application form. For your information, Funtington Primary School is open for parent visit, if you are interested, please visit their website www.funtington.w-sussex.sch.uk , send an email office@funtingtonprimaryschool.co.uk for any enquiry or contact the school on 01243 575675. Please do not worry about the catchment area, as quite a number of village primary schools will accept children out of their catchment or from different county.

PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF

Just a gentle reminder that we would like parents and carers to practice on-time picking up and dropping off their children, because any early dropping off or late picking-up (unless have been pre-arrangement with the manager) will affect the adult and child ratio because our teachers start and

end their day at different time during the week, it is our duty to practice adult and child ratio at all time under the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Ofsted guideline. If you are unsure about your child's weekly sessions, please do not hesitate to email or text Miss Jessie (the manager). Thank you for your understanding and attention on this matter.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are offering before and after school club for preschool and primary school children.

Before school club 7.30-9.00

After school club 3.30-5.30

Please share this news to any parents whose children attending primary school and are looking for services as per above, for further queries please call the nursery number 07825 290 124.

Please be aware that if you are unable to speak to a member of staff on 07825 290124 between 3pm and 5.30pm, please do ring the nursery second mobile number **07935 0549320** where the teachers on duty will be able to assist your matter.

FREE FUNDING AND STRETCHED OFFER

We offer 15 hours free funding hours beginning on each new term after your child 3rd Birthday; we also accept 30 hours funding.

We will be opening for 44 weeks in this academic year, with additional one week during Easter Holiday (12th -15th April 2021) and three weeks during Summer holiday (16th August - 3rd Sept 2021). Your child can attend these additional weeks using their funding hours as 'stretch offer', for example

15hours funding: maximum weekly claimed hours will be 13 hours

30hours funding: maximum weekly claimed hours will be 25 hours

NATURE TRAY

Children can bring anything collected over the week or weekend to place on the nature tray, and we may use these collections for show and tell in our weekly sessions.

PLAY YOUR PART: SAVE OUR EARTH - **PLASTIC PACKAGING FREE LUNCH BOX**

In order to help our children to understand how man made 'PLASTIC' waste contribute to nature live and global warming, the nursery has decided to introduce our new programme 'PLASTIC FREE LUNCH BOX' programme. After half term, we would like to receive lunch boxes without individual plastic bag packaging, hence we encourage parents to put all your child's lunch in reusable container, e.g. the one in many compartment. We apologise in advance any inconvenience caused due to this good cause.

PACKED LUNCHES IDEA:

For children well being, our Early years advisor and OFSTED encourage healthy, balanced and nutritious meals for all the children. We appreciate when you are preparing the packed lunch for your child please consider replacing sweets or chocolate to health snacks like fruit bars instead.

The first steps nutrition trust <http://www.firststepsnutrition.org> is a charity which provides clear, evidence-based and independent information and support for good nutrition. They are an amazing website with many packed lunch ideas portion sizes all at a low cost!

The nursery practicing **NO NUTS and SESAME SEEDS** policy because we are aware of the severity cause by these substances after being consumed. Please would you ensure that your child's lunch box does not contain any of these substances; thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

KEEP US UPDATE:

For our record purpose, please keep us up to date with any changes, for example address, telephone numbers and email, your child's diet or allergy.

NURSERY TERM DATES:

Please do visit our website if you need information on term dates and newsletters and policies and general information. www.villagemontessori.co.uk

NAPPIES, WIPES, SPARE CLOTHES, ART FOLDERS, WETSUITS AND BOOTS

- Please check your child's nursery string bag, ensure there are enough nappies, wipes and spare clothes for changing.
- Please also remember to bring back your child's art folder to the nursery so that we can send home their art works and activities.
- Please ensure your child has a pair of spare boots and wetsuits (labelled) leave in the nursery for outdoor activities.
- Please ensure your child is wearing warm clothing to nursery as the cold season is approaching, for example hat, coat and scarf.

COVID-19 Practice:

During this cold season, we are expecting children to have runny nose and occasional mild cough (normal cold symptoms), we will accept your child attending the nursery session as long as the child does not develop high temperature. However we do appreciate if you consider keeping your child at home to rest for a day or two to speed up their recovery. Please also encourage your child to wipe their nose with clean tissue and clean their hands consistently during their cold period at home. The nursery is trying it best to accommodate all the children at any circumstances while at the same time finding the balance inline with the government guideline for COVID-19 practice and we appreciate your understanding and co-operation. Here are the links relate to this subject: GUIDANCE: www.gov.uk/coronavirus TESTING: www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test

Please do not hesitate to contact myself via telephone or email or text message if you have any queries or problems.

Best wishes,

Village Montessori Nursery School Team