

Village Montessori Nursery School

Autumn 2018

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term at Village Montessori Nursery School and I hope that everyone has a relaxing summer break.

A reminder of dates for your Diaries;

Wednesday 17th Oct Last day for Harvest basket donation

22nd – 28th Oct Half term

29th – 30th Oct Parent’s consultations, 0930am – 3.30pm

Wednesday 7th Nov Nursery Halloween Party, 1:00-2:30pm

12th – 16th Nov Pudsey Appeal 2018

Wednesday 12th Dec Nursery Christmas Play, 11.30-1.30pm

21st Dec – 6th Jan 2019 Christmas holiday

15th Jan 2019 Closing date for Hampshire September 2019 admission

NEW TEACHERS AND CHILDREN

We welcome our new teachers Miss Aneta and Miss Lana, and our new children who started this term are Beau, Marley, Elliott, Ronnie, Reuben and Seren.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

We welcome our new PTA team member, Chair person – Marina, Secretary – Laura, Treasurer – Helen, Social and Event organiser – Anna and Katrin. You will be contacted by the PTA secretary for any upcoming fund raising soon, and please remember the money that raises in any good course will be used in funding the Forest School trips and buying outdoor play equipments.

HARVEST BASKET, Wednesday 17th Oct

All the donated produce will be given by the children to the elder lived in the village on Thursday 18th Oct 2018 when they come for the RVS lunch.

PARENT’S CONSULTATIONS, Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th from 09.30-3.30pm

This is an opportunity for parents to come and have an informal chat with the key person on the children learning progress. Please do not forget to make you appointment via <http://doodle.com/poll/ynibmcptp9rdu44s>

EASY FUND RAISING

An amazing fund raising by shopping online, your support really does make a difference, so do not forget there are 3,400 online shops and sites 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/villagemontessorins>

HALLOWEEN PARTY, Wednesday 7th Nov

Our PTA team is organising the annual ‘child friendly’ Halloween party in the nursery small hall on Wednesday 7th Nov, from 1.00pm – 2.30pm; ticket is available for sale at £3.00 per child with free entry for accompanying adult. For further information, please speak or email myself.

PUDSEY APPEAL, Monday 12th – Thursday 15th Nov

This year all the children and teachers are taking part in this meaningful national fund raising event:

Monday 12th: children bake cakes and sell to parents and villagers

Tuesday 13th: dressing up day (pyjamas or favourite characters) and PICK A DUCK by donating £2

Wednesday 14th: Squirrel hunts in the nursery garden

Thursday 15th: art and craft making Duggee characters mask

NURSERY CHRISTMAS PLAY, Wednesday 12th December, 11.30- 1.00pm

Our annual Christmas Play is held in Rowlands Castle Parish Large Hall. All the children are involved in the play. This is always such a lovely and fun occasion and we hope many Parents, siblings and Grandparents will be able to attend. Children will be going home with their parents and carers after the play. We will send you an update on practices and costumes via email nearer to the time.

CHRISTMAS ART AND CRAFT: SMALL JAM OR PICKLED JAR

Please would you bring in a small jam or pickled jar for our Christmas art and craft activity.

SEPTEMBER 2019 ADMISSION TO SCHOOL – CLOSING DATE 15th January 2019

For every child living within the Hampshire County boundary born between 01 September 2014 – 31 August 2015 they will receive a postcard explaining the procedure for September 2019 admission to school. From 1 November 2018, Hampshire residents can apply online or collect an application form from any Hampshire Primary School. The National closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January 2019.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are extending the nursery hours for pre-school children as well as children who attend St. John Primary School in the village by offering the following sessions on Monday to Friday:

Before school club 7.30-9.00

After school club 3.15-5.30

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

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 42 weeks in this academic year, with additional one week during Easter Holiday (Monday 8th – Friday 12th April 2019) and three weeks during Summer holiday (actual dates TBC). 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 27 hours

NATURE TRAY

Children and 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.

PACKED LUNCHES:

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.

PARENT’S VOLUNTEERING

We encourage parent/s to come in during the week for 30 minutes to an hour, to volunteer one-to-one reading with pre-school children, working on body-mind yoga, art and craft, even cooking foreign dish, etc.

KEEP US UPDATE:

For our record purpose, please keep us up to date with any new telephone numbers and email addresses.

NURSERY TERM DATES:

Please do refer to our website if you need information on term dates and newsletters and policies and general information. [www.villagemontessori.co.uk](http://www.villagemontessori.co.uk)

NAPPIES, WIPES AND CLOTHS

Please check your child’s nursery string bag, ensure there are enough nappies, wipes and spare clothes for changing.

NURSERY FRONT DOOR

We are aware that the nursery front door (red colour doubled door) has not been properly locked especially when the parents have let themselves out, so in order to safeguard our children by ensuring the front door is properly locked, we would like your cooperation to always making a habit to CLICK any buttons on the panel and pull the handle to check the door is properly locked before your leave. Both my team member and I will demonstrate to you all how to do it during your morning dropping off and the afternoon picking up. Thank you for your understanding and help, it is much appreciated.

OTHER HALL USER

U3A (University of Three Age) group meets at the Parish Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month afternoon (2-4pm) and they normally invite special guest speaker in their meeting. Recently we have received a complaint from their chair person that our afternoon three o’clock picking up is ‘a bit too noisy and interrupting’. After discussing this matter with the team and the hall committee, we have decided to get our children ready accompanied by a teacher they will be picked up at the front door by the parents or childminders on the following Mondays when the U3A meeting is on, 19th March, 16th April, 21st May, 18th June, 16th July 2018. Please do not hesitate to speak to myself if you have any query in regards to this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s key person if you have any queries or problems. You are welcome to talk to use at drop off or pick up time or please feel free to come into Nursery at 8.30 before the morning session starts.

Best wishes,

KF Purchase (Miss Jessy)