

Reminder

School starters September 2021

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2021 and you have not yet applied for his/her school place, please speak to Jacqui or Janet in the office as soon as possible.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 15th January 2021.

Happy New Year 2021

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and are ready for the wonders 2021 may bring.

It has been truly wonderful having your children back in school again. They have all settled back into their usual routines, with plenty of big smiles, all round.

Nursery remains OPEN to ALL children, in line with the government guidelines and we cannot wait to welcome more children back to nursery.

Covid safety in Nursery

We want to reassure all our families that we are going above and beyond to ensure our children and staff are Covid safe. To minimise risk of transmission we are continuing to ensure the following;

Bubbles; we are minimising contact as much as possible throughout the nursery. Children and staff remain in their 'bubbles'.

Robust hand and respiratory hygiene; the children are washing hands upon entrance to nursery, at regular intervals throughout the session and before the children leave us at home time. They are also encouraged and supported to hand sanitise frequently.

Enhanced and stringent cleaning routines and ventilation; we continue to deep clean toys, resources, classrooms and other areas throughout, and between each session. Windows and doors remain open throughout the day to ensure ventilation.

Limiting visitor contacts; any visitors needing to attend are asked to wear full PPE and remain at a 2m distance from children and staff.

Please continue to follow the **COVID-19 guidance**. We will continue to take temperatures and ask you to keep your child away from school for 48 hours if their temperature is high. Please do not bring your child to school if you are isolating and do not bring onto site any household members who are isolating.

Thank you all for your continued support in wearing masks when on the school grounds and also keeping a 2m distance when waiting for your children to enter, or leave nursery.

Changes to staff roles

We are excited to start the new year with some **important changes to staff roles**.

Acting Headteacher - We are absolutely thrilled that **Marcia Atherton**, who has worked as Sandy Lane's Deputy Headteacher for many years is now leading our wonderful school in her new role as Acting Headteacher.

Interim Deputy Headteacher - We are also delighted that **Kirsten Matthews** has taken on the role of Interim Deputy Headteacher, whilst continuing her role as SENCo, Designated Safeguarding Officer and SEND teacher in Rainbow Room.

Temporary Senior Teacher - **Lynn Miller**, who has led and managed the Sandy Lane Early Years SEND Outreach Service for over 8 years has now moved into her new role as Temporary Senior Teacher and SENCo for Sunshine Room and Garden Room. Lynn will be teaching full time in Rainbow Room.

Garden Room Lead Teacher — **Jamie-Lee Kirkbride** is now our lead teacher in Garden Room.

Sunshine Room Lead - **Jo Scruton**, is now leading Sunshine Room.

New staff members:

Catherine Wardle, has joined us and is teaching in Garden Room. **Helen Burgess**, has joined the Sunshine Room team.

Student placements

Chloe Jones joins us from Liverpool Hope University on a teacher training placement as part of her PGCE studies, whilst **Anna** and **Tamzin** are continuing their childcare placements with us.

Abigail is our new volunteer and will be based in Garden Room.

Forthcoming Events

We will be welcoming lots of new children into Sunshine and Garden Room over the coming weeks.

Nursery focus

Garden Room - This term's 'big question' is **Why is it always cold in winter?**

The direction for learning for **Sunshine Room** and **Rainbow Room** this half term is **'wheels and transport'**.

Throughout January we will also be taking inspiration from **'World Religion Day'** exploring the traditions of a variety of religions which shape the world around us. Log onto Tapestry to find out what we have been doing.

Attendance

Please ring the office on **01925 623640** or text **07415 869045** if your child will not be attending nursery. Please let us know if it is COVID related for you or any household member. Thank you for your co-operation.

Something to Celebrate

Birthdays this half term: Elizabeth, Gabriel, Skylar, Alfie R, Kian, Shyler, Brylea, Oliver N, George T, Dua

Staff: Maxine, Emma, Holly, Jamie

Clothing

Unfortunately due to current Covid 19 guidance, we are required to keep all windows and doors open in classrooms at all times. We are also being asked to deliver more learning outdoors in order to limit contact with one another



For this reason, and of course as the colder weather descends upon us, we are asking that your child comes to nursery wearing appropriate footwear and possibly layered clothing. We would also ask that your child continues to wear a suitable coat, hat and gloves. Please could you also ensure that your child has a change of clothes.



Just a little reminder to 'log in' to **Tapestry** regularly to ensure your access is maintained.

Over the coming weeks we will be posting lots of lovely activities for your children to complete whilst at home. We will continue to post pictures of the children in nursery as well as important information and updates.

Jump Children's Charity

Our Christmas school photos raised just under £170 in donations to this amazing charity. Thankyou to all who donated.



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Mon 4.30-6.00

Tues 12.00-2.00

Wed 10.30-12.30

Facebook page

Did you know we have our very own Facebook page? Why not search our page, **Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School**.



You will find pictures of all the exciting things we have been doing in nursery, as well as lots of useful information and updates. You may even see a few familiar staff faces pop up.

School Holidays

School will close on Friday 12th February, and re-open on Monday 22nd February.