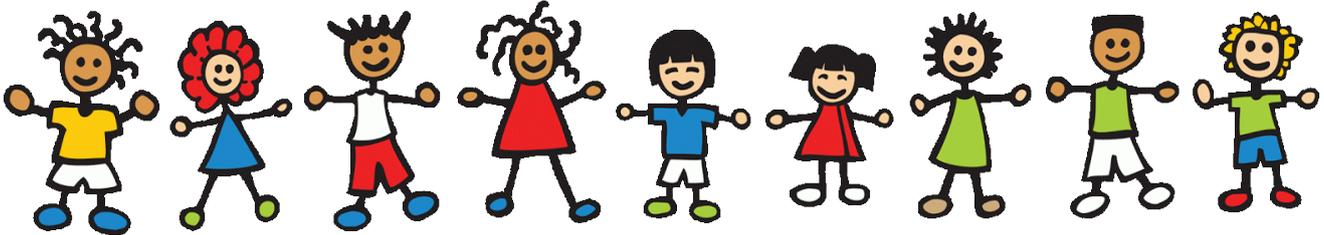




Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

Welcome to the new school year, and a special welcome to our new families who are beginning their journey with Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School during these unusual times!



We are returning in uncertain times but we are following the government guidelines related to the coronavirus pandemic and endeavour to keep your children and our staff as safe as we can. Our safe practices are as follows:



- We have installed hand wash and hand sanitiser stations in lots of places all over nursery school and the children are beginning to be really aware of how important it is to frequently wash our hands. Please support this practice at home and remember to sing as you do it (handwashing songs overleaf).



- We have bubbles of children. Each child is in a class bubble and the bubbles do not mix. That's why we are asking you to arrive at a specified drop off and pick up time to ensure the bubbles do not mix. Even the staff are in bubbles!

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- We have clearly marked 2 metre waiting zones to keep you safe whilst waiting for the nursery doors to open. Please stay in these to ensure your safety and the safety of others. We want at this point to thank you all for your patience in waiting your turn to come in, your co-operation is necessary and appreciated.

What's happening in nursery?

We are having fun and playing, making lots of new friends and enjoying everything that's on offer! As we get to know your child we will build in plans to satisfy their interests and ways of learning.



Outdoors.

We will be spending lots of time outdoors. As you will be aware from all of the news items on TV outside is the best place to be. Fewer germs can thrive in the outdoors. This means that you need to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the changeable weather. If your child is staying for full days the afternoon will be spent in our magical forest so again make sure your child is dressed in layers—t-shirt and jumper/sweatshirt along with trousers or leggings and



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Our garden

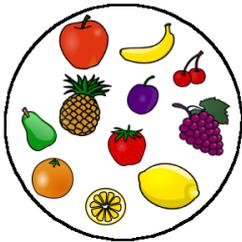
We will be hoping to harvest pumpkins in the coming months and we will start to think about what to plant now and in the spring. We will start by looking at a variety of vegetables and talking about which we like to eat. The children will help to maintain the garden over the year and harvest and cook the vegetables when ready.



Uniform.

Although not compulsory uniform is often an easy option for busy parents. Our uniform is very popular with children and their parents and it means best clothes can be saved for home. Nursery can be a messy business but it really doesn't matter if it gets onto your child's uniform. Our uniform comprises a red sweatshirt and newly introduced this year, a red polo shirt. They are both reasonably priced at 2 sweatshirts for £6.00 and 2 polo shirts for £4.50—both with the school logo on. Please can you make sure all other clothing is easy for your child to get on and off by themselves. Avoid laces and buckles—too tricky for a 2, 3 and 4 year old!!

Please put your child's name in their uniform and coat.



Snack.

We provide milk or water and a healthy snack each day for your child. You will receive an envelope each half term with the cost to be paid in to the nursery's Nat West account:

Name: **Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School Community Account**

Account number: **66037638** Sort code: **01-09-17**

Please make sure you put your child's name for reference so the payment can be registered as paid.

Something to celebrate!

Birthdays this half term include:

Logan, Madison, Lennon, Momo,
Daniel, Thomas, Evie, Ellie, Riko,
Jaxon, Harry, and Willow.

And staff: Karen, Jane, Saadet,



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

Tapestry

We will be busy taking photos of your child's early days to give you an idea of the sorts of activities your child has been doing. These will be available to you electronically via TAPESTRY. Most parents have provided us with their details and have received an email asking them to set a password and log on. If you haven't already completed the Tapestry registration form you won't be able to access your child's electronic portfolio so please speak to your child's key worker. The system allows you to post comments and to post photos to share with us so that we can see what your child has been up to at home.

Online learning

Should your child's class or the school have to go into lockdown we will use TAPESTRY to communicate with you and to provide online learning for your child.

Attendance.

Please ring the office: 623640 or text: 07415 869045 if your child will not be attending nursery. Make sure your contact details are up to date. We discourage you taking holidays during term time as it is very disruptive to your child's progress. We aim for 97% attendance which equates to just 6 days absence over the year. Obviously this might be taken up with illness so holiday absence on top of this may hinder your child's progress. If time out of school is unavoidable then please ask for and complete an ABSENCE REQUEST form from the office.

COVID-19

If your child or any household members have any COVID-19 symptoms please follow the government guidelines: ISOLATE and get a TEST.

Primary school.

I know—your child has only just started nursery and we're already talking about primary school! If your child is due to start primary school in September 2021 then in the next couple of weeks you will receive notification to apply for a school place. The application is completed on-line. It is important that you meet the school criteria for the schools you are applying for and you must apply for 3 schools. If you only apply for one and you don't meet the criteria of that school then the local authority will allocate a school with space nearest to your home address. Contact Jacqui (623640) for support if needed.

Are you entitled to 30 hours?

If you think you may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare and have not yet applied please let Jacqui in the office know (623630) as we have a limited number of places available.

Wrap around care

We have a limited number of spaces for breakfast and after school club. Please speak to Erin in the office (623640) if you are interested in buying additional nursery time.

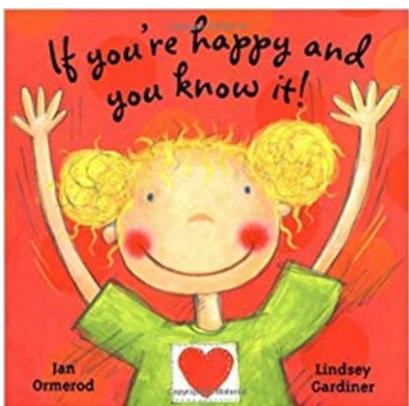


Jeans for Genes day, Friday 19th September

Wear jeans to nursery and donate £1 to this great cause!"



Hand washing song



If you're happy and you know it!

Sing twice through and change the words to:
"If you're happy and you know it wash your hands,
If you're happy and you know it wash your hands,
If you're happy and you know it
And you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it wash your hands"

Something to think about

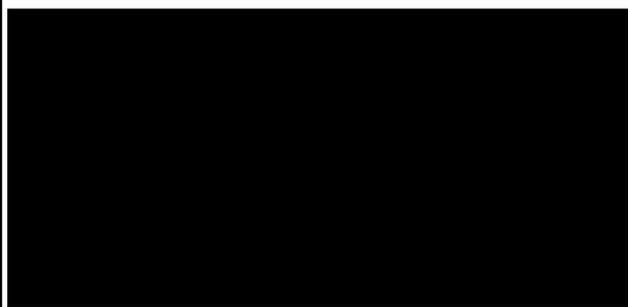


When You:

*Cut it for me,
Write it for me,
Open it for me,
Set it up for me,
Draw it for me or
Find it for me,*



All I learn is:
that you do it better than me



School holiday

We finish on Friday 16th October and return Monday 26th October.

