



Avoncroft Nursery Newsletter



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January 2017 (Chinese year of the Rooster)

Welcome to the 'Spring' Term at Nursery and a special hello to our new children Dylan, Giorgia, Henrietta (Hettie), Joseph, Miriam, and Saul.

Theme

This term we are focusing on Shapes each week as well as a letter sounds. We would like to encourage all the children to bring a labelled toy or item representing one of the letter sounds for the week or something representing the shape or of something of special interest to them.

No show and tell items are required on rising stars' sessions, just their letter sound books.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Focus letters</u>	<u>Shapes</u>
Week 1	03/01/17	s	Square
Week 2	09/01/17	a	Circle
Week 3	16/01/17	t	Triangle
Week 4	23/01/17	i	Rectangle
Week 5	30/01/17	p	Star
Week 6	06/02/17	n	Diamond
Week 7	13/02/17	c & k	Semi-Circle

Fun Fridays

We are continuing our activities into the garden following the principals of The 'Forest Schools'. We have waterproof outfits on loan and this will allow us to go out every Week regardless of the weather and have lots of messy fun, digging, painting, building and chalking. Please, Please, Please, send the children in old, warm clothes.

Spring Term

Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 17th February 2017

Half Term (closed) Mon 20th Feb - Fri 24th Feb

Monday 27th February - Friday 7th April 2017

Carol Hughes Heather Harden

General

Please ensure all children have names in their coats and their Wellingtons every day.

Please let us know if you have changed your address or phone number including mobiles and fill in a Holiday Form to tell us of your Child's absence from Nursery. Please text or phone (the mobile) to let us know if your child is not attending due to illness (emails cannot be accessed until the evening).

All the children should have their own Named Water Bottle available from nursery if required. (Water bottles cost £1.50 each). Please let us know if your child does not have one. The children get used to using their water bottles when thirsty gaining name / picture recognition skills ready for school.

A labeled piece of fruit is required for morning and afternoon sessions (except Tuesday and Thursday afternoon sessions). If your child stays for lunch and brings a lunch box, please can you ensure it contains an ice block.

Fees

Non-government funded hours are charged at £4 per hour the term after the child's third birthday. Prior to this we charge £4.80 per hour.

Fees continue to be payable if a child is absent or on holiday. In the cases of prolonged absence, parents should consult the partners about fee payment. Each child's attendance at the group is conditional upon continued payment of any necessary fees.

Special notice for funded children

The Spring Term is 13 weeks long and the Summer Term is 11 weeks long.

The complication arises as the government funds for children in blocks of 11 weeks for the Spring Term and 13 weeks for the Summer Term.

We have decided to amalgamate the terms to prevent funding issues of getting you the parents to pay for the extra two weeks in the Spring Term and then pay you back two weeks in the Summer Term.

This will only cause a problem if you leave at the end of the Spring Term, so with this in mind if you do leave part way through the Spring Term we will charge you for the two weeks owed.

In the same way the children starting in the Summer Term will be starting on the 27th of March, two weeks at the end of the Spring Term so that they also get 13 weeks as given by the government.

Please ask for more details if you require more clarification.