



# Avoncroft Nursery Newsletter



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## January 2019 (Chinese year of the Pig)

Welcome to the 'Spring' Term at Nursery.

### Theme

This term we are focusing on Shapes each week as well as a letter sound. 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays. The older children going to school in September 2019 will be bringing their letter sound books.

Week	Date	Focus letters	Shapes
Week 1	07/01/19	s	Square
Week 2	14/01/19	a	Circle
Week 3	21/01/19	t	Triangle
Week 4	28/01/19	i	Rectangle
Week 5	04/02/19	p	Star
Week 6	11/02/19	n	Diamond

### 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

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Half Term (closed) Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 22<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## 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 £2 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, please speak to the partners. Each child's attendance at the group is conditional upon continued payment of any necessary fees.

Special notice for 30 Hour funded children - Please ensure you keep your code valid / updated.

## Early Years Pupil Premium

In the Autumn Term we used the funding to invite 'Animal Mania' to the setting to give the children the opportunity to meet different animals and to train all members of staff increasing their knowledge on the link between your children's motor development and their ability to manipulate and control writing tools.

We looked in depth at four key aspects of gross motor physical development: upper body strength, crossing the mid-line, bilateral co-ordination and core stability.

We gained a deeper insight into the four key aspects of gross motor development, have a greater understanding of the potential physical barriers that your children may have towards controlling and manipulating their writing tools, tips on how to support them and have lots of practical ideas which we have implemented.

This term we are looking at buying a linguistic translating device and implementing 'Dough Disco' to reinforce the children's motor skills prior to them learning to write.