



## Newsletter – January 2018



### Whats been happening over the last month...



- Happy New Year, we hope you had a lovely time over the Christmas period.
- We had lots of fun at our Christmas sing-alongs.
- We really enjoyed our time over the Christmas holidays with our Christmas activities and parties.

### Important notices

- **Spanish Workshop** – **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** 6pm to 7pm. Sunflower parents or carers (or if your child will be in Sunflowers from April) are invited to attend our Spanish Workshop. Elli & the Sunflowers team will be showcasing to parents how Spanish is cascaded down to the children and what a Spanish session entails. Please book in for the workshop in the office with Stacey, Vicky or Helen.
- **Literacy and Numeracy Workshop** – **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January** 5pm to 6pm. Sunflowers & Buttercups parents or Carers are invited to attend a literacy & nursery workshop. We will be:
  - demonstrating the following literacy activities – a phonic session, Billy Bear, discussion time and registration time.
  - demonstrating the following numeracy activities – dice game and singing/action songs.
  - discuss what resources can be used in everyday life and the environment to enhance literacy and numeracy for your child/ren.
  - Props will be set out around the room.
  - We will highlight expectations of this age group for literacy and numeracy.
  - Parents participation is necessary.
  - Question and answer time during and at the end.
  - Refreshments will be provided. Please book in for the workshop in the office with Stacey, Vicky or Helen.
- **Holiday Club** – **We are now taking bookings for the Half Term holidays. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.** Due to the popularity of our holiday club and the trips we go on, we are only offering full day sessions (8am – 6pm) £33, included in the price will be two snacks, lunch and tea. Please note that your child will need to bring a water bottle and a small rucksack for any trips.
- **Clothing** – The weather is very unpredictable; please could you bring in a pair of named slippers to keep your child/ren's feet cosy now it's getting colder. Also, children must be provided with named suitable clothing: hats/gloves/scarf, wellies, a rain coat, all-in-one rain suit etc... So, we can continue our outdoor provision.
- **Extra days** - Please let us know in advance if you require an extra session and we will try to accommodate where we can. We must receive your request at least a week in advance. Our favoured method of application is via email or through our parent portal on the website.
- **Recommend a friend** - Recommend a friend and you will receive a £20 gift card for Mothercare/Early Learning centre. Please make sure that Stacey knows when you have recommended us to a friend. If you have been recommended by a fellow Scallywags parent, please let Stacey know and she will present them with a voucher.

### Other notices/ room notices



Please can you bring in some named slippers for your child/ren.

If you haven't already, please can you book your 6 week review with Bethany.



Pyjama Drama starts at Scallywags Thursdays at 10am from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January (Term Time). 10<sup>th</sup> February – Buttercups Stay and Play, 10am to 12pm.

If your child is just starting in Sunflowers, don't forget we have Spanish sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays (possibly Fridays depending on numbers). Please let Helen know if you are interested.

Keep an eye on the Parent's notice board for your child's library day.



### Dates / Calendar of events

1<sup>st</sup> January – **New Years Day – Nursery Closed**

8<sup>th</sup> January – **New Term Starts at Nursery**

10<sup>th</sup> January – **Spanish Workshop**

29<sup>th</sup> January – **Literacy and Numeracy Workshop**

10<sup>th</sup> February – **Sunflowers' Transition Workshop**

- **Buttercups' Stay and Play**

19<sup>th</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> February – **February half term Holiday Club**