



Boundstone Nursery School Newsletter

November/December 2023

Dates to Remember

We close for the Christmas holidays on **15th December 2023**

INSET DAY: Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Closure day for Home Visits: Wednesday 3rd January 2024

We re-open for families on **Thursday 4th January 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited that those children who started with us in September are settling well and enjoying all that Boundstone has to offer.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended our recent Parent Consultation sessions. These sessions are part of our commitment to work closely with you to support your child's learning and to understand your child better. If you have missed these sessions please contact your child's key carer to make another appointment.

Mindfulness

We continue to encourage and develop our personal, social and emotional curriculum by teaching and practicing Mindfulness techniques and strategies both at Group Times and within session. The children are really good at checking in with their feelings; talking about their emotions; using the breathing ball to regulate their breathing and help them to focus; and just ask your child about the **breathing buddies!**

Please let us know if your child has shared any of these mindfulness practices at home and if you would like any further information then please ask your child's key carer.

This week in Nursery School and in Day Care we have been having lots of fun learning and practising Nursery Rhymes as it is **National Nursery Rhyme Week**. We have been learning some traditional rhymes and also some lovely rhymes linked to autumn. Please share some of your favourites with your children at home, you will be surprised how many you already know! Nursery rhymes play such an important role in early childhood, boosting children's learning of vocabulary and language but also early numeracy and social and physical skills.

Weather and clothing

As you will already know we are learning outside in **all weathers**, therefore, please ensure your child is equipped by providing named wellies and waterproof clothing. Appropriate clothing for use at Nursery is really important to make sure that your child can access all experiences so no precious clothes, just play clothes that you don't mind getting a bit messy.

Late Collection charge

Please be aware that if your child is not collected on time, either at the end of their session or at the end of the day, this impacts on staff and compromises our staffing ratios. For children collected late after a session, parents/carers will be charged the cost of the next session plus an admin charge of £5. Any collection after 5 pm incurs an automatic £20.00 charge. If you require any further information please refer to our Fee Policy, on the website.



For up to date information about our learning, explorations and experiences please check our Facebook page.

If you have any questions please contact us either by telephone 01903 276860 or by email office@boundstonenursery.co.uk, via your child's key carer. If you wish to contact me, Head of School, my email is kwollaston@boundstonenursery.co.uk
Please note that currently the front office is not operating every day and there may be a delay in getting back to you, therefore, if your enquiry is urgent please contact your child's key carer.

Staffing Updates

After 18 loyal and hard-working years of service to Boundstone one of our wonderful premises staff, Alison, is leaving us. We are so sad to see her go but we all wish her well for the future and we hope she will never forget the vital role she had at Boundstone keeping us sparkling!

Secondly, after many, many years as our Chair of Governors, Aedan Kerney, whom many of you will know for his long-standing and key role in the Lancing community, has decided to step down as chair. Aedan has devoted so many years to Boundstone and is a key member of the Boundstone family. Aedan, while no longer chair, will remain a governor in the new Nursery School Federation and we look forward to his contributions in this different role.



Christmas Celebrations at Boundstone

Workshops

Each term we have a Stay & Play session where we invite parents/carers to join us and share in our learning. We would like to invite you to join us for a Christmas workshop on **Wednesday 6th December** between 9.15 -10.15 for morning children and 1.15 – 2.15 for afternoon children, if your child attends all day then choose which session suits you best. Please let your key carer know that you are attending.

Christmas Singing

The children will be learning some festive Christmas songs so please join us for Christmas Singing on **Wednesday 13 December, at 11.40 am or at 3.40 pm.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for your continued support. May we wish you the very best of wishes for the upcoming Christmas break and hope that you have some wonderful times with your children.

With best wishes,

Kate

Head of School and all the Boundstone staff