



## **Daycare Newsletter 2-3 room – February 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Daycare, I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable half-term. Your children have settled so well with Jane and the team; it is a pleasure to pop in and observe how independent they are and how they are enjoying their time. I would encourage you to continue to read and share as many books as possible as well as talking to your child, as this will set strong foundations for their language development. Thank you for your support and please let us know if there is anything further, we can do to support you and your children.

*Vikki Cripps -Headteacher.*

### **Dates for your diaries:**

**Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**INSET DAY- We are closed Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 to all families**

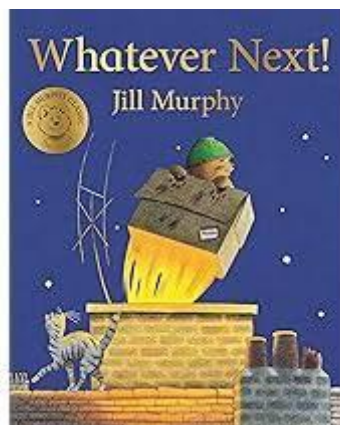
**Easter Holidays - We close at 5pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April and term begins on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

**INSET and CLOSURE DAY – WE ARE CLOSED TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OF APRIL TO ALL FAMILIES.**

**We open after Easter on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Our core book this half term is- Whatever Next!**

This is a fantastic book for catching children's imagination. We will be going on lots of journeys to the moon for picnics. We will also talk about whether the bear "REALLY" went to the moon. In the garden lots of children show an interest in watching aeroplanes go past, we will wave at them just like bear does in the story.



### **World Book Day**

On 6<sup>th</sup> March it is National World Book Day. Please feel free to send your child in with their favourite book and/or dressed up as their favourite book Character. No pressure to purchase anything. The more creative the better!!

### **Staffing in our 2-3 room**

Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to Chelsea at the end of this week as she takes on an exciting new role. We wish her all the luck in her new venture and know she will be missed here at Boundstone. After a range of interviews, we are hoping to employ a new Senior Key carer to join daycare to support Jane. In the meantime, we continue to have Jane leading the room with the familiar faces of, Clare, Ali, Michelle, Ines, Alyson, Kristine and Chloe. We appreciate we are not there yet with our full team, but it must be the right person with the right qualifications and experience. I really appreciate your continued support, patience and understanding in this temporary matter.

### **Communication and email addresses and numbers**

We pride ourselves on ensuring we are always available and approachable for our families. Sometimes it isn't possible to have longer detailed chats beside the normal 'hello' and the hand over discussions in the room, due to welcoming in children and our staffing deployment. However, if you find yourself wanting to chat with your key carer privately, or to discuss concerns, please inform Jane or Vikki and we will arrange a time, where we are able to give you our full attention and support. This can be arranged by calling the room on 01903 276862 or emailing Jane on [JBoyland@boundstonenursery.co.uk](mailto:JBoyland@boundstonenursery.co.uk) or Vikki, on [vcripps@boundstonenursery.co.uk](mailto:vcripps@boundstonenursery.co.uk) . Thank you for your understanding.

### **Collection arrangements**

Just to remind all families who collect before 12pm. Please can we ask that you collect no earlier than 11.40am. We have a staff member on the gate to feedback to families, discuss any accidents etc. When collections have happened earlier, it is a juggle to pull this staff member away from the children. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### **Appropriate weather**

When considering your child's outfit for their session in Daycare, please ensure that their clothing is suitable for the weather that day and that they will be comfortable. We really encourage our children to enjoy all experiences on offer and from time to time this may mean they will get messy or dirty. It really helps at this time of year, if your child comes into Daycare in wellies. This ensures they keep their feet dry when exploring the outside environment but also saves time for the staff team to be changing lots of shoes. We do have some spare wellies here, if need be. **Please do label all items of clothing.**

### **If your child is unwell**

Thank you to all our families for your continued support and continuing to keep your child at home when unwell. As you can imagine germs and illnesses can spread very quickly in an environment like ours. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, then they must be away for 48 hours from their last bout. If you are unsure regarding our medicines/sickness policy, please call the room and speak with a member of staff.

### **Families**

We love to hear our children talk about home and people and pets that are special to them. If you haven't done so already, please provide us with a family photo and a pet photo for our display boards. This helps bring a piece of home into our Daycare, especially in the early days of settling.

### **Your child's drawer**

All artwork, letters from Boundstone and your child's Learning Journal live in your child's drawer. We ask that you regularly check for any creative artwork or letters from us. We will not be handing out any letters anymore unless they are of importance. Many thanks for your understanding.

## **Partnership**

When the time comes for Jane to complete your child's Next Steps, you will be given a 'Things I enjoy at home' sheet, we ask that you fill this in and promptly return it back to us. This will help to form an inclusive picture of your child where we can set Next Steps based on interests and current development.

Jane will share the Next steps with you and ask if there is anything you want to add. We welcome comments on the form and a signature, this is one of our ways of evidencing our parent partnership relationship. Thank you.

Many thanks for reading our newsletter and for your ongoing support. If you have any queries or questions, I am always available to chat with you

Kind regards, Leonie, Jane, Ali, Clare, Ines, Michelle, Chelsea, Kristine, Alyson and Chloe