

# Boundstone Nursery School

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## **Daycare Newsletter – November 2023**

### **Autumn term dates for your diaries:**

We close for the Christmas break on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
INSET day- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 and Closure day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January 2024.** We re-open for families on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### **Our core book this half term is - Dear Zoo**

Dear Zoo is an amusing and interactive story that gives space for children to guess and at times even predict what animal is in the crate/behind the flap. The repetitive phrases will soon have your toddler reading along as you tell the story. We love this story in Daycare, we use our story sack alongside reading the book to promote and encourage language and involvement. In the environment we have also created a Dear Zoo area, look out for the animals ...



He was too tall!  
I sent him back.



### **Mindfulness**

As part of our School development plan this year, one of our targets to implement is **mindfulness**. This is happening across the Daycare and Nursery and the children are really enjoying these new experiences. With our children, we use mindfulness throughout the day, by checking in with our feelings, watching the clouds move on by, talking about what makes us happy and at group time we come together, to use the breathing ball, where we all have a go at controlling our breathing as we open and close the ball. This half term we will be introducing breathing buddies. These are small, little cuddly animals, and as we lay down, we place the buddy on our tummies, and we see how we can control our breathing to keep the buddy steady and have a calm focus on our breathing. Please do let us know if your child has started to show signs of our mindfulness practices, and for further information, please do ask your child's key carer.

### **Nursery Rhyme week- 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

This week in Daycare, we shall be focussing on Nursery Rhymes. The children enjoy singing in Daycare and what better way to enjoy singing and express ourselves when we add actions and excitement. We shall be enjoying a rhyme a day and linking some learning experiences to these songs too. Nursery rhymes play an important part in early childhood and education, please see attached sheet for further information.

### **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 their outside environment but also saves on time for the staff team to be changing lots of shoes over.  
We do have some spare wellies here, if need be.

### **Late collection charge- REMINDER**

'It is essential that children are collected on time. If your child is collected late, then staff may have to stay on beyond the end of their shift to ensure appropriate staffing ratios are maintained. For children collected late after sessions parents/carers will be charged the cost of the next session plus an admin fee of £5. Any collection after 5pm incurs an automatic £20.00 charge' - Fee policy September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

### **Parents Evening**

Parents evening will be held in person for the families of children who are moving over to Nursery in January 2024. Sophie will be in contact this week.

### **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 been given/in need of calpol then we ask for you to keep them at home that day. The child needs to be at home with their closest person to cuddle and support them.

If you are unsure regarding our medicines/sickness policy, please call the room and speak with a member of staff.

### **Families**

In Daycare we believe communication is the key to good working relationships. We value our families' input in their child's education. If you would like to take your child's journal home to share and look at together, please ask your child's key carer at drop off time and we shall aim to have it ready to go home with your child at the end of the session. The Journals tell a very special journey of your child's time here at Boundstone, so we ask that they are looked after and kept safe whilst sharing at home together. We really do encourage families to add photos of special moments to their child's learning journal. You can do this by adding them yourself to the book or by emailing photos and an explanation to your child's key carer.

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Please complete the 'Things I enjoy at home' forms when we send them home to you. We can get to know your child's interests at home and incorporate these into our planning for their Next Steps.

If you have any questions or queries, please communicate with us so we can help and support you as best we can. You can contact us directly in Daycare on **01903 276862** or email your child's key carer or Leonie the Daycare manager.

### **Contact information**

Please ensure you update the office and Daycare if your phone number or address change.

### **Christmas celebrations in Daycare**

To celebrate the festive period we are having a party week where we shall enjoy dancing, singing and making Christmas crafts. To ensure all our children can participate in this, we shall have party days every day in the **week of 11<sup>th</sup> December**. We invite your child to dress up in Christmassy clothes, wearing their favourite party outfit or top or Christmassy colours.

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 or email me on

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Kind regards, Leonie, Sophie, Jane, Clare, Roberta and Nicky