



Daycare Newsletter – November 2021

Autumn term dates for your diaries:

INSET days- Friday 17th December closed to everyone.

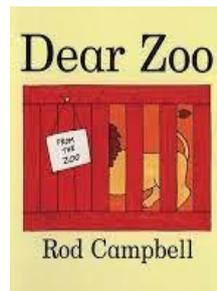
Fee paying/All year round families- We close at 6pm on Thursday 23rd December and re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Term time only families finish on Thursday 16th December and return on Tuesday 4th January 2022

INSET days for the rest of the academic year are- Monday 28th February 2022 and Monday 6th June 2022

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.



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. Please provide a bag with labelled spare clothes for every session. Your child's bag is kept on a peg at child height, so please be mindful of what could be accessed by another child. No medicines/creams/hand gels or foods to be kept in your child's bag please.

If the day is rainy, please send your child in wearing wellies, this saves us lots of time from swapping shoes over etc.

Collecting your child

To enable our staff members to give you feedback at the end of your child's session, please arrive at least **5** minutes before the end. Staff are paid until either 1pm or 6pm so late arrivals to collect can prove difficult for staff to leave on time, the potential of being out of ratio and, of course, your child being upset as they haven't been collected but their peers have. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents Evening- Tuesday 30th November

Parents evening will be held in person for the families of children who are moving over to Nursery in January 2022. Letters for those families will be coming home shortly. For the families of children who will be continuing their journey with us in the New Year, your child's Key Carer will be making a phone call appointment with you to discuss the progress your child is making here at Boundstone.

If your child is unwell..

Thank you to all our families for your continued support throughout these uncertain times 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. We still ask if your child presents with any Covid symptoms, keep your child at home, please book a PCR test and stay at home until the results are back.

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

Communication is key!

In Daycare we believe communication is the key to good working relationships. We value our families input in their child's education. We have begun allowing Learning Journals to go back and forth from Daycare to home again. 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 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. Thank you.

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.

Also keep an eye on the communication board located by our entrance/exit gate for lunch menus, staff photos and names, communication of term dates, any current illnesses and more.

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 on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on the week of 13th December** (Friday we are closed for an INSET day) We invite your child to dress up Christmassy, wearing their favourite party outfit or top or in Christmassy colours. If you were able to donate any party food for that week, we would be very grateful. Please speak with your key carer.

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 lmcbride@boundstonenursery.co.uk

Kind regards, Leonie, Julia, Zena, Rachael, Anne-Marie, Wendy and Roberta.

