

SUNNYLANDS NURSERY SCHOOL

JANUARY NEWS SHEET

Theme: Winter Colour: White/Silver Maths: Shape
Observations: Manners

Classes start again on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Welcome back everyone and a very happy New Year to you all! We are looking forward to another busy term in Sunnylands Nursery. The staff would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and continued support with keeping each other safe. We ask that parents continue to wear face coverings, adhere to social distancing and use the hand sanitising stations for drop-off and pick-up.



This month our topic is **WINTER**. We will be exploring many ideas around the topic of winter, looking at weather, colder climates, polar animals, keeping warm, looking after our wildlife, etc. Our maths focus will be on shape and we ask you to help us with this at home, pointing out and naming shapes in the environment. We will also be concentrating on promoting **good manners** in the school, reminding the children to use "please" and "thank you".

OUTDOOR PLAY

Jack Frost is out and about but it is still very important that we go outside to play as much as we can. Therefore, please ensure your children are sent to school dressed appropriately for outdoor play. We recommend a warm coat, hat and **MITTENS**, all with the children's names attached or written on. Please remember we have 26 children in each class to get ready for outdoor play so do encourage your child to put on and take off their own coats. Also **WELLIES** for any wet days, and **Velcro** shoes for the rest of the time please as these are so much easier for children and staff!!!!



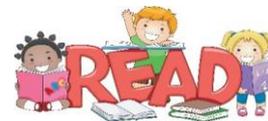


MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS/COLLECTION

Parents please let staff know if any of your contact details have changed, it is always important that we have up-to-date mobile phone numbers in case of emergencies and to send messages through our text service. Please remember that only people named on your child's Collection List may collect your child from school throughout the year. If you need to add or remove any names and contact details, please speak to your Class Teacher.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - NEW PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

The reconstitution of the Board of Governors for Sunnylands Nursery School is now taking place and we are looking for two volunteers to become Parent Representatives. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Morrow for more details of what the post will entail.



BIG BEDTIME READ

As part of the Getting Ready to Learn initiative, our Big Bedtime Read will be starting in January. This initiative focuses on raising awareness of the importance of reading to children as part of establishing good bedtime routines. The school will provide books for home-lending on a weekly basis.

ADMISSIONS 2022

The citizen portal opens at 12 noon on Monday 10th January and closes again at 12 noon on Friday 28th January. All Birth Certificates and supporting documentation must be uploaded by 12 noon on Friday 4th February. Please go to www.eani.org.uk for more information, or contact the school office on 02893 365739 if you have any questions about the application process.

When filling in your application for Primary School, please remember to write that your child has attended Sunnylands Nursery School.



GARDENING CLUB - Wednesday 19th January **(Classes as usual)**



As part of our Extended School Funding, Gardening Club will take place on Wednesday 19th January.



JO JINGLES - Thursday 20th January

(Classes as usual)

Music, Singing & Movement!

A session of fun and games to music - percussion instruments, nursery rhymes and action songs.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH - Friday 28th January

(Classes as usual)

In support of the RSPB'S Big Garden Bird Watch campaign the children will

be making bird cakes in the run-up to the 28th January. We would appreciate any old yoghurt containers. Please go to the RSPB website for more information and to take part at home as well -

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



SCHOOL FUND

There are still a number of outstanding nursery fees, we would appreciate if these could please be settled by the end of this month.

£16 (or £4 weekly on Mondays) for January 2022

This money is used for snacks, presents and extra-curricular activities for the children and we hope you appreciate that in order to facilitate all of this, we depend on your contribution.

COMING TO SCHOOL

In line with our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy, please do not walk through the staff carpark at drop-off and pick-up. Please use the main School gates.

If you need to pick your child up early we would appreciate it if you let your class teacher know at the beginning of the session or phone ahead to help prevent class disruption.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SEE-SAW APP

Any parents not already connected to the See-Saw App and wish to sign up, please speak to your class teacher.



Adverse Weather Policy: Information



Procedures used in the decision to close Sunnylands Nursery School in the event of adverse weather conditions.

A decision to close the school would never be taken lightly and would involve all staff members.

1. A decision will be made, as far as possible, before 8.30am as to whether the school should be open or needs to be closed.
2. Parents will be sent a text to the one main mobile number which was given to the school.
3. In the event of closure, the school will send a message to Cool FM/BBC Website/BBC NI News along bottom of the screen) using a prearranged security code to allow them to broadcast the information to the general public.

Also remember if you have any problems or concerns about your child please don't hesitate to speak to your teacher.

Mrs S Morrow
Principal