



## November 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the last half term of this year; we cannot believe how quickly the year has gone by. We are looking forward to all the joy that comes with Christmas at Westmill Nursery!

### Last Half term fun

Just a few pictures of the fun we had last half term



Making and decorating gingerbread people



Tea parties with real china! The children were very careful and there were no breakages!

A trip to the Westmill playing fields where we met some new friends



### Fees

Just a quick reminder that this half terms fees are due by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

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## Parking

Please can we ask you to continue to park your cars considerately at drop off and collection times. We know that parking can be limited at times and especially with the current work taking place on one of the houses near the green but please only park around the green or on the road through the village. Please do not park immediately outside the tea rooms garden (pale cream fence), nursery or the cottage attached to near the nursery. **Please do not double park around the green preventing other drivers or emergency vehicles from getting around the green.** Many thanks for your cooperation.



## Existing Injury

Just a reminder that should your child have an injury prior to arriving at nursery please do let a member of staff know in the morning. This may be a fall at the weekend, a scratch from the cat, a bump on the way to nursery etc. You will need to complete a short form detailing the injury so that we are able to provide the best and any follow up care your child needs.

## Emergency Closure Policy

Unfortunately, it's that time of year again when the weather usually takes a turn for the worst and presents us with white fluffy snow overnight and icy roads at some point! We do have a procedure in place should it be necessary to close nursery. Please find attached to this email a copy of our emergency policy clearly stating what you should do if you wake up to snow and are unsure if nursery will be open or if we experience snowfall during a session. Thank you.

## Contacting the nursery

We always welcome contact via telephone or email. Please be aware that we may not always answer your phone call during the session as there may not be a spare member of staff free at that point to take the call, but please leave a message on the answer machine and we will get back to you at the earliest opportunity. Emails aren't always checked during nursery hours by Sandra or Sarah as we keep our phones locked away during the session for safeguarding purposes. Only urgent emails will be picked up during the evenings, weekend and nursery half term and summer/christmas holidays.



## Reporting an absence from nursery

May we remind parents of the necessity to telephone the nursery and advise of any absence; this is a safeguarding requirement. We prefer this to be done via the telephone as we don't always get a chance to check our emails. If you have already let us know about a holiday or other event you do not need to call in.

## Comments and Suggestions

We always welcome any comments and suggestions you have with regards to the nursery. We are happy to receive these in person, via the comments and suggestions box kept in the porch or please email us.

### 50 Things to do before you turn 5 App

Hertfordshire have recently launched an exciting new App called *50 things to do before you turn 5*. The App was originally developed in Bradford but is now being adopted by other counties.

The App gives information about 50 free or low-cost activities to do with your child to help create memories, new experiences and help them gain new skills and confidence while having fun! The App is specific to Hertfordshire so well as giving activity ideas it also recommends places to visit in Herts.

To download the app either search for *50 free things* in Google play or Apple store or follow the instructions in the attachment (on the email) or this link [50 Things to Do Before You're Five in Hertfordshire](#).

We hope you have fun! Please feel free to share your experiences in your child's red achievement books or via the Famly app.



### Dates for your diaries

We appreciate that the build up to Christmas can be a busy time with lots of dates to remember. We will be doing our best to make this as easy as possible for you by letting you know in advance of any key dates. Below is a summary for you.

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>h</sup> October	Half Term
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Inset day - <b>nursery closed</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	Christmas Songs in the Church – details to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Details to follow (all children invited to attend, non-Wednesday children from 11am to 1.20pm)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term. <b>Session ends at 12.20pm. No Lunch needed.</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset day - <b>nursery closed</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of the Spring term
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	End of Spring Term. <b>Session ends at 12.20pm. No Lunch needed.</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the Summer term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day - <b>nursery closed</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day – <b>nursery closed</b> (in lieu of B/H 2 <sup>nd</sup> June)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of the Summer Term. <b>Session ends at 12.20pm. No Lunch needed.</b>

All the team at Westmill Nursery