



Brock House Winter Newsletter 2024



Wednesday 7th February 2024

Dear Parents,

A belated Happy Healthy New Year to you all, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

With a new year ahead of us, we are looking forward to having lots of learning and fun this term.

As many of you know we had our Ofsted inspection on Thursday, 23rd November, and we are happy to report we were graded Good in all areas. If you would like to read the report speak to Mrs Lawlor or Louise Church or go online (Ofsted Inspection Reports).



We would like to welcome our new children and wish them a happy time here with us at Brock House!



Very exciting news.... the Nursery will be getting a makeover this year, starting in Baby Care, and working upwards through the nursery, painting both the inside and outside of the nursery, we ask for your patience in the event this may disrupt drop off or pick up.

The new list of Dates for your diary has previously been emailed to parents, but if you haven't received this, please speak to Mrs Lawlor or Mrs Louise Church. There is a copy on the notice board by the nursery front door and also one in the lobby of the Baby Care.



Double Gates

Just a reminder that if the weather gets very windy, or in the event it snows, we will need to keep the double gates closed for safety reasons, but we hope this won't be necessary.



Christmas Party

The children had a very enjoyable time at the Christmas party, a big thank you to Rebecca in Bouncy Badgers for locating Father Christmas. If any Dads would like to put their name forward to be Father Christmas next Christmas, please let us know.

Illness

Sadly, at this time of year there are many viruses about, some of them particularly unpleasant. We have policies and procedures in place to try and safeguard the health of the children and the staff. Can parents please make sure their child is well enough to return to nursery following such an illness.



If you are unsure on the guidelines for keeping your child at home, please ask a member of staff.

Green nursery bags/Nursery spare clothes

If you have any of the nursery's spare clothes at home, please can you return them as we are running low. Please can you make sure you check your child's green nursery bag to make sure they have enough clothes, in this autumnal weather, we do like the children to play outside, and they may get dirty or damp, also if they are toilet training, spare clothes are necessary in case of any accidents.



Toys

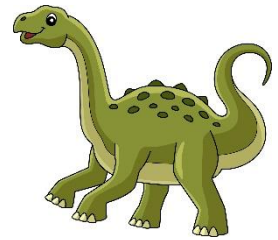
We do ask parents to not allow their children to bring their own toys into nursery, we would hate for them to be mislaid and cause any upset. It is fine to bring a comforter to nursery.



Focus Learning

Baby Care

So far this year, Baby Care have been learning about dinosaurs, making footprints in cornflour and paint. Reading lots of stories about dinosaurs and making pictures using paints and sticking of various materials. The children have had lots of fun playing with the dinosaurs.



We have also been having loads of fun and physical activity, practicing climbing on the frame, jumping on the bouncy castle and crawling through tunnels.

Babies have also been working on their fine motor skills by constructing lots of towers with the building bricks.



Very soon, we will be learning about Chinese New Year, including the Chinese culture which will be exciting for the children (and staff).



Leading up to summer we will be learning about spring, life cycles of plants, and insects, gardening and all about the outdoors.



The topics for the older children cover so many subjects in the Spring Term we have listed what they will be learning each month below for your information. If you would like to know more details about any of the subjects your child will be learning, please ask a member of staff.



Topics For the Term

Rainbows

January	Healthy Lifestyles
February	My Favourite Book
March	Spring/ Easter
April	Farm Animals/ Maths



Bouncy Badgers and Bright Sparks



January	2 nd 5 th	Healthy Eating
	8 th 12 th	Health Lifestyles
	15 th 19 th	People who help us
	22 nd 26 th	Winter
	19 th 2 nd	Winter



February	5 th 9 th	Chinese New Year
	12 th 16 th	Kindness/Valentines Day, Shrove Tuesday (pancake day)
	19 th 23 rd	Emotions
	26 th 1 st	Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales and St David's Day
March	4 th 8 th	My Favourite Stories and International Women's Day World Day



	11 th 15 th	Ramadan and St Patricks Day
	18 th 22 nd	Colours
	25 th 29 th	Holi Festival of Colour and Easter
April	1 st 5 th	Spring Baby Animals
	8 th 12 th	Eid and Spring
	15 th 19 th	Letters and Sounds
	22 nd 26 th	St George's Day and Earth Day





Staffing

Congratulations to Sofia and Rebecca who have been voted employees of the Autumn term in the Nursery and to Sam and Rachel from Baby Care, well done to them all.

As you know we have had some changes in the staffing over the last year. Unfortunately, there is a recruitment crisis within the Childcare Sector although we have been interviewing potential candidates and we are looking for experienced staff who will be able to deliver the best care and learning to your children. We will keep you informed of any changes.

We are happy to announce that we have welcomed Saima Jilil to our team. She has started in Little Rainbows, as a Team Captain. Saima is an experienced level 3 practitioner, and we look forward to working with her and her valuable knowledge.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Becky who left suddenly to move back to the Midlands, and we wish her all the best.

Dates for your Diary

Mother's Day Tea	Friday 8 th March
Comic Relief	Friday 15 th March
Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday 28 th March
Easter Break	Friday 29 th – 1 st April
Spring Concert	Tuesday 23 rd April
May Bank Holidays	Monday 6 th and Monday 27 th May
Nursery Photos	Tuesday 21 st May
Nursery – Parents Evening	Wednesday 22 nd May
Baby Care Photos	Thursday 23 rd May
Baby Care Parents Evening	Tuesday 11 th June
Father's Day Tea	Friday 14 th June
Nursery Fun Day	Friday 12 th July
August Bank Holiday	Monday 26 th August
Leavers Party	Saturday 21 st September
Halloween Party	Thursday 31 st October
Nursery – Parents Evening	Wednesday 27 th November
Children in Need -	TBC
Baby Care – Parents Evening	Thursday 5 th December
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 12 th December
Childrens Christmas Party	Friday 20 th December
Nursery will close on	Tuesday 24th December



We hope everyone has
a great Spring Term
and we look forward
to seeing lots of parents at the planned events.

