



January 2023 Newsletter

Welcome



I trust you have all had a wonderful Christmas and welcome you all back to the start of the Spring Term.

We welcome the following children this term: Charlotte to Saplings, Joni and Sienna to Acorns.

Organisation



Carol is **The Manager of The Saplings Pre-School with overall responsibility**, Vicky is **The Seedlings Leader** and is responsible for 'Seedlings' and Clare is responsible for 'Acorns'. Zoe is our **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) practitioner SENCo**.

Education Starting School in September 2023: If your child will be 4 years old between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, that is, born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they will be entitled to start school in September 2023. Apply online until Sunday 15th January 2023.



www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions
Online notifications of your allocated place is 17th April 2023, waiting list established 26th April.

Learning Journey



If you haven't already done so, please return your child's profile asap so that we can continue to add observations to it.

Dates for Diary



Spring Term first day of Spring Term is Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Half Term Monday 13th–Friday 17th February
End of Term Friday 31st March 2023
Summer Term Monday 17th April 2023
 A calendar of opening times can be found on our web site www.saplingspreschool.co.uk under 'Our Week'.

30 Hour Funding



If your child is 3 before 1st April 2023 and you are eligible for 30 hours please log in to the HMRC website, make a claim and forward your 30 hour code to me before 31st March 2023. No late validations are accepted by Services for Young Children.

Health and Safety



Food Reminder: Please ensure your child does not bring nuts, chocolate or sweets in any form to pre-school. Please ensure that sausages, tomatoes, grapes and olives are chopped lengthways in half as these items are major choking hazards.

General



Gloves and Hats: As it is now winter please ensure that your child has gloves and a hat when appropriate. Please put gloves in their coat pockets or down sleeves so that they can find them.

Please ensure your child has shoes/slippers they can manage themselves for inside. Wellington boots should be provided for outdoor use and cannot be worn inside on wet days as they create a slipping hazard.

Adverse Weather: In the event of severe weather please check our website and Facebook for updates of opening hours.

We have sorted as many pairs of wellington boots as possible and placed them under your child's peg. If your child does not have a pair, please select an appropriate pair from one of the boxes. Please check with a member of staff before renaming them for your child.

Planning This half term we will look at:

New Year
 Dinosaurs & Ice Age
 Winter
 Chinese New Year – 22nd January 2023 (Year of the Rabbit)
 Valentine's Day
 St David's Day – Wednesday 1st March
 World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

Happy New Year: I trust you have all had a wonderful and safe Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year for 2023. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who bought Christmas gifts for me and my staff.

Carol and The Saplings' Pre-School Team