



## December 2022 Newsletter

### 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**.

As many of you will be aware, Lisa has left The Saplings Pre-School. Due to the staff changes made there have been some changes to some of the children's Key Workers.

### Education



**Starting School in September 2023:** If your child will be 4 years old between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31 August 2023, that is, born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they will be entitled to start school in September 2023. You can apply online for a place from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November until the deadline of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

[www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions)  
*Online notifications of your allocated place is 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, waiting list established 26<sup>th</sup> April.*

### Learning Journey



Your child's profile will be sent home shortly. Please try to return it before the Christmas break.

### Dates for Diary



**Autumn Term 2022** last day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Christmas Post Box** last collection in pre-school Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Spring Term** first day of Spring Term is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

A calendar of opening times can be found on our web site [www.saplingspreschool.co.uk](http://www.saplingspreschool.co.uk) under 'Our Week'.

**30 Hour funding:** Please remember to check your accounts to renew declarations for eligibility before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 otherwise you will lose your right to claim 30 hours. If your child is 3 before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and you are eligible for 30 hours please log in to the HMRC website, make a claim and forward your 30 hour code with your NI number to me before 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### Invoices



On a more serious note, can I please remind all parents to pay invoices as soon as possible. If you are unable to pay for any reason, please discuss it with me.

### General



**Gloves and Hats:** As the weather is now getting colder, 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 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.

We have so many spare pairs of wellington boots that I will be asking you to select your child's boots from a box and place them under their peg so that they can find them. Hopefully, we will then be able to remove some pairs to make it easier for the children to find their own. If your child does not have a pair at pre-school then you can select some from the remaining pairs. Hope this makes sense.

### Planning



Since half term we have looked at celebrations:

- Fireworks
- Remembrance Sunday
- Children in Need
- St Andrew's Day

We have continued to talk about autumn and hibernation and now we will talk about Christmas.

Please join us wearing your Christmas tops and jumpers for December!



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2023.

Carol and The Saplings' Pre-School Team