



# Newsletter

Jan 2020

## Update: Term 3

6<sup>th</sup> Jan– 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

### DEAR PARENTS & CARERS,

Welcome to Term 3, We hope all the children had a great Christmas & Happy New Year! We also welcome our new children and parents. All the aunties would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your lovely Christmas presents.

### THEME OF THE TERM:

#### WINTER AND TRANSPORT:

January is a great time to think and explore winter. This term we shall be talking about winter and transport. We shall be exploring our weather by going out on walks and by discussing and exploring ice, snow and our outdoors. We shall also be talking about transport. Children shall be doing activities that include playing with all types of transportation theme items including vehicles such as cars, trucks, airplanes and more. This topic is part of their everyday lives. They drive or walk to school, have seen or ridden on a bus or taken an airplane to go on vacation. Please feel free to let your child bring in any book, game, puzzle or any pictures related to the theme.

**GARDEN & OUTDOORS:** We are pleased to report that the children have been exploring the garden and the great outdoors in all weather. For them to continue enjoying we would like them to come in appropriate winter clothing & footwear as we do go outside daily.

Also, children's bags should be of the draw string type and named due to lack of space for rucksack & large winter coats.

**NAPPIES:** Please could all parents/guardians restock on nappies & wipes.

**SPARE CLOTHES:** The children play in the water and mud kitchen and get involved in arts and crafts. Please could you provide spare clothes including trousers, socks and a set of welly boots as we shall be going on walks on school grounds.

**BAD WEATHER:** In the event of bad weather, information will be given out on radio Kent. If Istead Rise Primary School is closed then we are closed as well. The Kent Closures website can also be used to find out if other services in Kent are open or closed, such as schools, children's cent's and libraries. We also recommend parents sign up for Text SMS/Email alerts on the Kent Closures website. This service will send a Text SMS or email alert to let parents know if we are closed. Parents can also listen to KMFM, BBC Radio Kent or Heart FM to hear if the pre-school is closed.

**DRINK BOTTLE:** Children need to bring a named water bottle into nursery on every visit. It is an ofsted requirement that children have access to their own water. Can we remind parents that only **water** should be in these bottles, so please no juice.

### SHOW AND TELL:

The children are encouraged to bring in items or things from home of interest for the show and tell box. This helps and promotes communication and language.

### Vehicular Access Driveway

Please find attached a copy of the letter from Istead rise primary school, explaining the new procedures for vehicular access to the driveway from 6th January 2020.

**Lock Down procedure:** We shall be practicing the Lock down procedure next month. Please feel free to speak to any member of staff if you have any questions regarding the drill.

**NURSERY FEES:** I would take this opportunity to remind parents that we require at least one terms' notice for any changes in your child's sessions. You will be still charged for your child's sessions if we do not receive the required notice. A reminder that there is a strict late charge fee of £25.00 for unpaid fees. **Can all outstanding fees be paid by Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2020**

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