



January 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year to all of you, we hope you had a lovely Christmas break, and we are very much looking forward to working with both you and your children throughout 2019. Thank you very much to all who kindly gave the nursery staff Christmas gifts they were very much appreciated and gratefully received.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our term dates for this coming term, and wish to inform you that we are closed for our Easter break during the week of the 22nd April 2019. Please note this is not in line with the school Easter closure period.

Caversham Park Kindergarten Term Dates 2019:

Spring Term

Monday 7th January through to Friday 12th April 2019

(February Half Term: Week Beginning 18th February 2019)

Summer Term

Monday 29th April through to Wednesday 24th July 2019

(Half Term: Week Beginning 27th May 2019)

Please note we are closed on Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May 2019 for Bank Holiday's.

We will publish our 2019/2020 term dates at the end of the Spring term once the local primary schools have published their dates.

We would like to welcome the following children and their parents to Caversham Park Kindergarten, and hope they enjoy their time with us: Taqiyah, Robyn, Amayah, Alex, Tayyib, Matthew, Ahmed, Mohamed and Anna.

Your child's key person is:

We were sad to say goodbye to Janice at the end of last term, who left Caversham Park Kindergarten due to personal reasons, we have been busy recruiting and are please to introduce you to two new members of staff: Sukhi and Claire. Claire is our Deputy

Manager and comes with a wealth of experience within Early Years settings. Sukhi has previously worked at Caversham Park Preschool prior to it closing and has two children of her own. We thought it would be useful to list our staff below for you to put a face to a name:

<p>Rebecca - Nursery Owner</p> 	<p>Kim - Nursery Manager</p> 	<p>Claire - Deputy Manager</p> 
<p>Laura - Key person</p> 	<p>Cassie - Key person</p> 	<p>Sukhi - Key person</p>
<p>Emily - Key person</p> 		

We had our first Ofsted inspection on Thursday 10th January '19 and we are very pleased with the outcome of this. We are currently awaiting the official report from Ofsted which goes through a quality assurance process before being published on the Ofsted website. Once the report goes live we will happily share this with you and answer any questions you may have.

Tapestry and Observations

Throughout your child's time with us we will record and monitor their progress through the use of a learning journey using the online system of Tapestry. We aim to observe your child's achievements and record these on a weekly basis. Our priority is to ensure that your child is cared for and their needs met, which sometimes means that updating Tapestry takes a back seat. This does not mean that we have not observed your child as

often these observations are recorded in a written fashion and later added to Tapestry. Therefore, please do not expect Tapestry to be updated on a weekly basis and we will update this as soon as possible. Our aim is to add four observations a month, but of course this depends on circumstances and the number of sessions your child attends per week. When we spoke with the Ofsted inspector about the way in which we initially record observations and use these to plan for your child's next steps and that not all observations are instantly added to Tapestry she shared our rationale behind this. Some nurseries have different priorities and also an individual who is solely employed to update systems such as Tapestry on a daily basis, we are not in this position and therefore observations will be put onto Tapestry as soon as staffing allows as our priority is to provide a stimulating and welcoming environment which requires staff to be interacting and not inputting observations on an iPad. This does however not mean that we will not have any observations on your child as these are stored initially in a paper format.

If you are yet to receive your Tapestry log in then please do inform Kim or Rebecca who will arrange this for you. We are very happy to receive observations from home and therefore ask that you upload these to Tapestry.

Events:

We have arranged for a mobile farm (Basil and Crew) to visit us on Wednesday 10th April, 1:30pm to 2:30pm. They will bring a miniature pony, chickens, goats, rabbits and other animals which the children will be able to interact and learn about during the visit. Please note this event is only available to children attending during this session owing to the number of children able to be accommodated by Basil and Crew.

We are awaiting dates for a Toddler Sensory session and a MAD Science event to take place this term. We will notify you of these in due course.

You should have received a breakdown of topics we will be covering this term, please do notify Kim or Rebecca if you are yet to receive this and we will organise one for you.

Reminder:

Children play outside each session and therefore we request that you provide your child with suitable clothing, including scarves, hats and gloves as well as suitable footwear.

Please provide your child with spare clothing in a bag which is kept on their peg during the nursery day. We have limited spare clothing and ask that any spare clothing your child does go home in is brought back to nursery.

Holiday Club:

We are running a holiday club for children up to the age of 11 year during the following periods:

February Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February

Easter: Monday 8th April through to Friday 19th April

For more details please visit our website www.cavershamparkkindergarten.co.uk or for a booking form please do speak with either Kim or Rebecca.

Kidmore End Kindergarten:

We are opening a new nursery on Monday 29th April 2019 at The Parish Rooms, Kidmore End, RG4 9SJ. If you know of anyone interested in a nursery place for their child then please do ask them to get in touch with us on 07483337976 or email us at cavershamparkkindergarten@gmail.com This nursery will mirror the offer at Caversham Park Kindergarten, open 49 weeks per year, 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. We will be accepting children from 2-5 years as well as offering a holiday club during this school holiday periods. We will be holding two open mornings taking place on:

Friday 1st March 2019 - 10am to 11:30am

And

Monday 18th March 2019 - 10am to 11:30am

Should you know anyone who may want to come and visit us and talk about the nursery place do ask them to email us using the email address above.

Once again, we look forward to working with you and your children this term, should you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards

Rebecca & Kim