



Woodcroft Little Learners

End of Year Newsletter

Welcome to the final Newsletter for 2018 (please see events on the other pages)

This year we have decided to have a Children's Christmas party on the Friday before Christmas, we will be having food that children can get involved in making such as Pizza, sandwiches, and jelly. For the children that do not attend on Fridays they are invited to come along for party games and food between 11.30am and 1pm at a cost of \$5.

Thank you to all our families for their cooperation in the introduction of our confident goodbyes in the morning. We have had less children upset and more ready for the day ahead. Please make sure that you are checking the app on a regular occasion as there may be daily journals, observations and updates that are happening in the centre. Please try to arrive no later than 9am, a child who arrives after 9am may feel like an outsider to the room as children are all busy doing activities. If you need to pass on any messages on your way out, please email us or leave a message on Michelle's desk.

Please keep your eyes out for your child's report, this will be available by Friday 21st December for all the children except the school leavers.

Thank you to the families who have returned their letters stating the days that they will be attending in 2019 and their questionnaire forms, all information provided helps us with continuing improvement in the centre.

We will be putting our Christmas Hamper List up soon that will be raffled off at our Christmas Show. Please put your name at the side of the item that you would like to donate. All other donations would be very much appreciated. Tickets will be sold on the night of the show.

Photo Gallery



Looking at books in the 0-3 Room



Doing a 3 piece puzzle in the 0-3 Room



Setting the table for lunch in the 3-6 Room

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We are also doing a Reverse Advent Calendar this year, the idea is to donate any foods that you wish to donate, it could be packaged food, tins but not perishable items. On Christmas Eve we will donate to either a charity, the homeless or a food bank, ideas where to donate the items would be greatly appreciated.

It will be sad to say goodbye to our school leavers at the end of this year and wish them all the best as they go on to their next journey. And for those who are staying with us we look forward to working with you next year.

We look forward to seeing you all at our future events, if anyone has questions, please do not hesitate to ask

Warmest regards Michelle and The Team

0-3 Environment

The children in the 0-3 room have been enjoying a language rich environment. We have been reading books, singing and chatting with children. The children are also enjoying the climbing equipment and we are changing it as the children need it "*Follow the child but follow the child as his leader*" *Maria Montessori*. We ask you to remember to bring a drink bottle and change of clothes due to us doing a lot of water play lately. Also if your child is toilet learning please bring appropriate clothing (see our new clothing policy attached).

Thank you

0-3 Team, Nancy, Karen, Peppia, Veronica and Dean

3-6 Environment

In Preschool over the past couple of weeks we have been focusing on independence. Thank you to all of our families who have been doing the confident goodbyes in the morning, we feel that it has made a difference in the room and the children are becoming more independent.

As some of you may have seen, our broadbeans are growing really well in our vegetable garden. When our vegetables have grown, we will be using them for cooking activities and eating them straight from the pods.

Please can we just remind you all to pack Spare clothes, Spare shoes, a hat, drink bottle and a piece of fruit or vegetable every day of the week. We are running low on our spare hats and spare clothes so if you could please make sure these items are in your child's bag every day this would be appreciated.

We thank you all for your cooperation and we hope you all have a lovely Christmas with your families.

3-6 Team, Emily, Scott and Chante

As a part of the process to keep our families informed, continually updated and offer best practice in the centre we ask that you read this Policy and inform us of any feedback or suggestions that you may have.

Clothing Policy

Policy statement

Clothing should allow freedom of movement, clothing should reflect the weather clothing should encourage engagement and clothing should be practical for the children to get on and off.

Procedures

- Please dress your child in a manner that reflects the context of play or splashes or smudges of childhood, don't dress your child in clothes that you don't want to get messy or dirty, wet or painted on.
- Dress your child in clothes that promotes movement. A lot of children's clothing restricts movement, even if it fits properly, for instance wearing a skirt and it getting in the way when they are trying to climb the climbing frame, a child wearing tight jeans that are too tight to allow a child to cross their legs. For babies some clothing some fabrics are too slippery which prevents a child from movement on the floor or too big which hinders them from trying to stand.
- Dress your child in clothes that reflects the weather (There is no such thing as bad weather just the wrong clothes), if it is cold outside dress your child in layers through to a rain coat for the wet weather and wellies for outside. If it is hot try not to put too many clothes on where they can overheat, wear sleeved T-shirts to protect their shoulders.

Dress your child in clothes that promote independence. Children like to show that they are becoming independent and like to and like to show that they have a newfound freedom, they can cause a conflict between adults and children. Offering 2 choices when it comes to choosing what they can wear out on a bed or in a wardrobe so that the toddler can choose between them.

- A loose jacket with a couple of bigger buttons offers independence as opposed to a jacket with a few small buttons.
- Shorts or pants with elasticated waist as opposed to jeans with buttons and zips.
- Track pants that are more loose as opposed to tight leggings to enable them to get them of themselves easily
- Shoes that children can manage easily with Velcro straps. Crocs or thongs do not support their feet and could come off whilst they are in the middle of jumping or climbing. Sneakers and full strapped sandals protect the foot whilst promoting movement.

For Babies

Onesies may be cute and look cosy but a babies feet and toes are quite sensitive, babies can use their feet to take in sensory input and their toes and soles are used in the development of balance and movement. Covered feet can cause them to slip, not feel a solid connection to the floor and hinder them when they are trying to walk, crawl or stand.

Accessories can cause an hindrance to babies and children. When a baby has a bib on all day and they bend over, the bib covers their eyes and distracts their attention on what they are doing.

Hair accessories can be a distraction for the wearer and other children, another child could try to pull it off and cause an injury to the wearer.

Unnamed clothing and belongings will be placed in the lost property box in the foyer, any unclaimed items will be given to charity.

Toilet Learning Clothes will be placed in a bag and sent home unless the underwear is too soiled, therefore they will be thrown in the nappy bin.

To practice safe sleeping please provide jumpers or T-shirts with no hoods or cords as they may put a child at risk of choking

Sunsafe Clothing such as a hat that is of legionnaire style, a bucket style or has a flap on the back is acceptable, caps do not cover their ears or the back of their necks and could cause them to get burnt.

Beanies are appropriate for the winter months along with a coat and wellies.

Art smocks will be offered to children when they are painting or playing with messy resources.

Reverse Advent Calendar

From Monday 3rd December

Each day you can add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve we can donate the contents to either a charity, foodbank or a homeless shelter



COME ALONG TO OUR CHRISTMAS SHOW

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER 6.30pm-8pm

Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting, Balloon Making, Sensory Table, Raffle and a visit from Santa

Entrance is free just bring something to sit on.



Graduation for School Leavers Wednesday 19th December 2.30pm

Families of School Leavers please RSVP by Friday 14th December.

Refreshments will be served after the Graduation



It's party time !

Friday 21st December 11.30am-1pm

cost will be \$5 per child. All children invited

Lunchboxes are not required on the day, Morning and Afternoon Tea will also be provided for the children that attend Fridays.

Please RSVP by Friday 14th December



FROM EVERYONE AT WOODCROFT LITTLE LEARNERS

Christmas Events and Opening times

Friday 14th December-Family Christmas Show(all welcome, Free Entry)

Wednesday 19th December-School Leavers Graduation (families of school leavers welcome)

Friday 21st December-Children's Christmas party
(all welcome, no lunchboxes needed, morning tea and afternoon tea provided)

Monday 24th December-OPEN

Tuesday 25th December-CLOSED

Wednesday 26th December-OPEN

Thursday 27th December-OPEN

Friday 28th December-OPEN

Monday 31st December-CLOSED

Tuesday 1st January 2019-CLOSED