November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the October half term, we hope you all had a lovely Halloween week.

We are now fast approaching the run up to Christmas and whilst we find ourselves in another lockdown and limited to the experiences and the traditions we are normally accustomed too, our aim is to still provide the children with a magical Christmas experience at nursery.

During these new lockdown regulations we have received guidance giving us the opportunity to stay open. My aim is to continue the nursey as it is at present. As the cold winter weather is fast approaching I am mindful that children or staff may become unwell, or need to self-isolate. Whilst I will do my upmost to continue to provide the care we currently offer, at present I am unable to bring in additional cover staff due to the regulations.

I am mindful this may mean we may be faced with not enough staff to legally operate. Should this occasion occur, we may be forced to contact you by telephone to close the play room for the day. I must stress, this will be my last resort, and only if we are unable to operate safely for the children in our care.

On a personal note, I shall be leaving the nursery in February to start maternity leave. Whilst this is such a wonderful time it will be sad to leave the children, and to not be present for the children going off to big school this year. I have always felt very lucky and privileged in my role as manager, supporting so many wonderful families and children, I shall miss them all. I will still be in the background, so although you may not see me for a few months, I shall be keeping up to date with how everyone is. Thank you to everyone who has already sent such lovely messages of support and congratulations.

As we move though the next month of new restrictions on our daily lives, please do let me know should you require any help or support. The nursery is here to help in any way we can, please just let us know.

Thank you

Annika

Nursery Manger

**Shorncliffe Nursery**

**Term Dates --- September 2020 - July 2021**

Term 2 2nd November – 18th December

Term 3 4th January - 12th February

Term 4 22nd February -29th March

Term 5 19th April -28th May

Term 6 7th June – 20th July

**13th November** – Forest School

**10Th December** - Butterfly room Party Day – If your child does not attend on this date, please speak with a member of staff to book a place.

**11th December** – Christmas Jumper Day- a kind donation of £2.00 donated to save the children Charity.

**11th December** -Caterpillar Party Day - If your child does not attend on this date, please speak with a member of staff to book a place.

**Shepway Food Bank**

This year the nursery would like to support the Shepway food bank for Christmas. This is for families who are finding it hard to feed their household this Christmas which has been made even harder by COVID-19. We shall be placing a collection point outside the nursery gates from Tuesday 1st December – 15th December.

If you could spare any items, especially tinned, dry packet food, tea, coffee, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, chocolate. washing powder etc, this December. Please place them in the collection point. We would be so grateful for your help.

**Forest school – Friday 13th November.**

We are very excited to start forest school again this term. The butterfly room will be accessing the session in the morning, followed by the caterpillar Room in the afternoon

If your child does not attend a Friday session, and you would like to come along with your child. Please book them a space in advance.

**Nut Free Zone**

The nursery is a completely nut free zone; this is to protect the children in our care with severe allergies. **Please could nuts not be in the children’s lunch boxes.**