



## Newsletter December 2023

### A message from the Acting Head Teacher

*I would like to say thank you for all your support over my first term as Acting Head Teacher. It is difficult taking over from such a long standing, experienced Head Teacher but I feel we've had a very productive first term and we have lots of plans to continually improve over the next term.*

*I have loved getting to know all the children and can see the progress each one has made. We will be holding meetings in the next term to continually work together to ensure your child reaches their potential while they are with us and are prepared for the next stage in their learning.*

*Enjoy every minute of your Christmas holidays with your children. These are precious times that will live in their memories forever. Time together is the best present of all.*

*Relax and enjoy! We look forward to seeing you in 2024!*

*Joanne*

### Room and Key Worker Changes

We are making some changes for our children as they grow. We aim to make any changes as seamless as possible so some staff are moving to.

Nicola is moving to Hazel Room to support the children moving from Willow to Hazel Room. As Jeanette retired we needed another experienced member of staff to support the children in Jeanette's group.

Angela is moving into Willow Room. Angela again is another experienced member of staff who will be supporting our two year olds.

Key workers will speak to you about any changes to your child's routine.

Forest School will take a short break in January while we settle children into their new spaces and welcome new children into our school. Key workers will let you know when these sessions will start again.

### End of Day Collection Arrangements

After spending some time in the rooms in the evenings I feel the collection arrangements need reviewing to support our children. When the doorbell rings and parents/carers come into the room it can be quite upsetting for the children who are ready to go home or disruptive to the learning taking place. So from January 2024 after 3.45pm please could you ring the doorbell for either Willow Room or Acorn Room and a member of staff will bring your child to the door. Any messages will be passed to you but hopefully this will be a more calming environment for the children still in nursery school.

### Foodbank Donations

Thank you so much for the donations. I have contacted the food bank and they will collect this week. The basket will stay in the foyer. Items such as canned foods, pasta, cooking sauces, tea, coffee, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, Christmas chocolates etc. would be welcome. There is a foodbank box located in the bus stop next to the Boars Head pub in Newchurch if needed. If you find yourself in difficulty come and speak to us.

### Attendance

We have to report attendance to our Governors each term. We aim for children to have **94%** attendance and during this first term **65%** of our children achieved this target with **75%** getting above **90%**. Please get in touch with key workers if there is anything we can help with.

## Father Christmas Visit

We were lucky enough to have Father Christmas visit on our party day. The presents were paid for by two generous community donations so we are feeling very grateful. A big thank you to Amelia's Mum for wrapping our presents for the children.



## School Jotter

All our newsletters will be sent over School Jotter in the following weeks. We will also share pictures of learning in nursery and share information. You can download School Jotter onto your phone. Go to the App Store (or alternative) and download the Jotter app. Search for Stag Hills Nursery School.

## Dates for your Diary

21<sup>st</sup> December School closes for ALL CHILDREN

22<sup>nd</sup> December – INSET day (NURSERY SCHOOL/EXTENDED SCHOOL IS CLOSED)

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – School reopens!

Half Term – School closes on the 9<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens on 21<sup>st</sup> February. (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> are INSET days and school will be closed). Please have holiday booking forms in by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.