

# Brentwood Day Nursery

## Spring Newsletter 2021



**Happy New Year** to all our families. We hope that you were able to enjoy the Christmas break, even though it was a little out of the ordinary this year! Also, thank you for all your lovely Christmas presents, we were very spoilt!

As you will know we are now in our **3<sup>rd</sup> lockdown due to the increasing Covid19** rates. Although, all primary and secondary schools remain closed other than for vulnerable and critical workers children, Early Years Provisions continue to be open and we are still following our pandemic risk assessment procedures and all staff are adhering to our strict pandemic prevention routines. We do fully understand your reasons for those of you not sending your children in for the time being. The children continue to amaze us with their adaption to all the new rules. We are now also offering virtual sessions via Zoom, for children at home. Details are sent out on the Weekly Overview emails. Please let us know if you would like your child to be included and we will arrange for them to be added to the sessions.



If you feel that **you need extra support**, please do let us know, we will do all we can to support you. The effects of lockdown may have an impact on your mental health and it is important that you seek help if you feel you are struggling.

Emergency contact numbers for Rachel and Chrissie can be found on the weekly email update that we send on a Friday, please do not hesitate to contact us out of hours in an emergency.

Please do keep safe and well during this current lockdown, spring will soon be on its way and this will all give us something to look forward to !

### Upcoming topic and events

Our topic for the next half term is 'countries around the world'. Please see the events board for the latest information on events as it changes due to Covid19 related restrictions.

At the start of the year we display **information on the main charities and events** that we will be supporting throughout the year. We are now trying to share our information boards, display boards electronically, either via email, EYLog, or Facebook as parents are unable to see what's on display in and around the nursery due to the restrictions. Our **extra curricular activities** are enjoyed by the children; Superstar Sports, French, Spanish and dance. Superstar Sports will be focusing on 'tag rugby' this term. If you would like your children to attend any of these sessions, there is a £2.50 fee for children to participate. Please speak to Rachel or Janet for more information regarding these activities.

You will all know by now that we have moved over to a new online journal system, known as **EYLog**. This is similar to Tapestry but offers more online based updates and records. We have transferred the children's baseline assessments over and are already uploading observations and updates, we may have a few initial problems but please bear with us while we get used to it. If you need to discuss anything regarding your child's development and wellbeing with their keyperson please either email the team at [team@brentwooddaynursery.co.uk](mailto:team@brentwooddaynursery.co.uk), send a message on EYlog, or call the nursery on 01277 212580 and your keyperson will be able to discuss it with you.



### Sessions

We do still have sessions available in the afternoon if you would like to send your children in for any additional sessions please let us know. We offer daily planned afternoon activities such as geography and theatre club.

### Staff news

Our recent employee of the month was **Lois**. This was based on her kind and helpful attitude and increased confidence. Thank you for being a great part of the team Lois! We would also like to wish **Aysha**, our senior supervisor all the very best as she prepares to go on maternity leave in the middle of March, she is a very dedicated member of the team and we will miss her dearly. Also we are sad to say that **Cara** is moving on to another nursery as her circumstances have now changed and needs a full time position, which we were unfortunately unable to offer her. We wish her good luck at her new setting.

