

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023



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Pre-School Southdown



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all our lovely End Of Term treats- very generous of you all.

Thursday we had our Christmas concert - we had a lovely time and enjoyed showing you our singing.



SINGING AT WALKERS COURT

On Tuesday, the children walked to Walkers Court in Southdown where we sang for the residents. We handed out biscuits to local businesses and the Southdown Community and spread a little Christmas Joy.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO IN DECEMBER



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OFSTED POSTER

Please have a look at OFSTED's role in regulating childcare.

EARLY DROP OFF

We are starting our 'early drop off' in January- please let Miss Wilkins know if you would like to join us at 8.30am onwards.....

MAKATON

This Week the sign of the week is 'Christmas'. We use this in our Christmas singing... Can you practice at home?

ST ALBANS FAMILY DISTRICT CENTRE

Please click here to see - 'What's on in St Albans District' in the Spring Term.

NEXT TERM.....

Topic - Shapes, Numbers and Colours....

Show and Tell - Next Term we invite all children to bring in a toy or an object depending on the colour of the week! This is a great opportunity for children to gain confidence and use their communication skills.

4th/5th Jan - Settle Back to Pre-School.

W/C 8th Jan - Orange

W/C 15th Jan - Purple

W/C 22nd Jan - Green

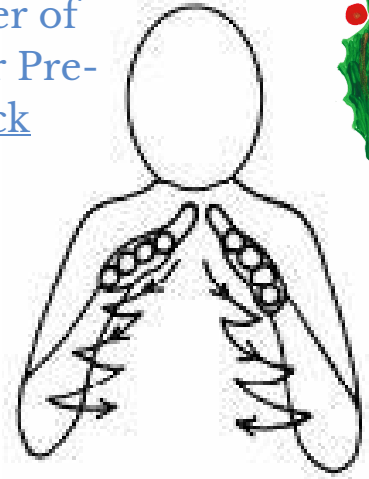
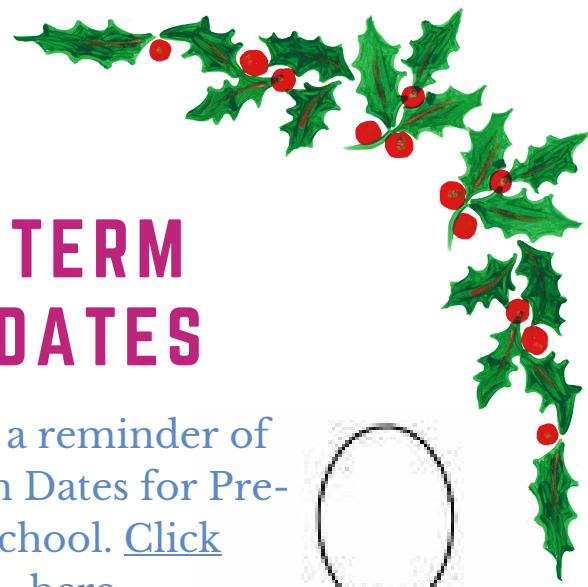
W/C 29th Jan - Yellow

W/C 5th Feb - Blue

W/C 12th Feb - RAINBOW.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We wish you all a lovely and safe Christmas and see you in the New Year. Pre-School back open Thursday 4th January 2024.



EXPANDED CHILDCARE FUNDING

Earlier this year the government announced the expansion of childcare funding for working families with children from 9 months to 3 years old. Currently for working families childcare funding is available for children aged 3-4 years.

To access childcare funding, parents have to complete applications prior to the beginning of each term, for which children are eligible for childcare funding. Pre-School may apply additional charges to cover the outgoings related to the Pre-School.

To be eligible for 30 hours childcare funding you must earn more than £125 per week but less than £100,000 per year, this applies to both partners for couples. Up to 15 hours of early education over 38 weeks of the year are available universally for all families with children aged 3-4 years, even if they do not meet the eligibility criteria for 30 hours.

WHEN CAN YOU GET YOUR CHILDCARE FUNDING

From Apr 2024 – Up to 15 hours for eligible working families in England with a 2-year-old.

From Sept 2024 – Up to 15 hours for eligible working families in England with a child between 9 and 23 months old.

From Sept 2025 – Up to 30 hours for eligible working families in England with a child from 9 months old up to school age.

HOW TO APPLY FOR CHILDCARE FUNDING

Parents of children aged 2 as of 1st April 2024, will be able to apply for the new 2-year funding for the Summer Term 2024 from 2nd January 2024

Go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for information updates and for making applications for childcare funding.

If you haven't already got one, you will first need to set up a government gateway account which you can do from the same website. During the application, you will be requested for information such as National Insurance and Passport numbers to verify your ID. You will be asked to confirm that you meet the eligibility criteria. We will be providing more updates soon, but if you have any questions or issues, we are here to help. Give us a call or pop into the Pre-School for an informal chat.