



Fir Trees Newsletter

We reopen Tuesday 4th Jan 2022

Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas together. I know lots of children will love telling us all about it at registration.

We are really excited to welcome all our new children this term into the Fir Trees Family!!

We are exceptionally busy but we do try to accommodate additional sessions for our existing children when we can. Please let us know in advance if you are hoping to increase your sessions so we can fill any gaps that crop up.

This term we are reading lots of traditional stories and extending this into the learning areas. The Gingerbread Man is a firm favourite so expect some baking and gingerbread houses.

From 31st January we will celebrate the Chinese New Year – The Year of the Tiger.

Our older children are really enjoying their morning phonics games and we are very impressed with their enthusiasm.

In the Moment Planning underpins all our invitations to play so we will take the children's lead from the New Year.

Closing times

**Just a reminder that we close at 5pm on Tuesday and 4pm on Friday.
All other days are 5.30pm.**

Attendance

We have managed to stay open without any closures since the pandemic began. Thank you for your cooperation with keeping children at home who are unwell.

We know it is difficult when you are working to have your children off nursery however it has stopped the spread of so many germs and the need for other children to have PCR testing unnecessarily.

Thank you again!!

Fir Trees Nursery School Friends: Facebook page

I think most families are now accessing this closed group page. Thank you to all for your contributions as we love seeing all your activities.

Please join if you can as I do find it a very quick and immediate way of putting out information to as many of you as possible.

Reminders and Information for New Families

- Please label all uniform, as several children have the same size and colour.
- **Please label all lunch boxes and drinks.**
- Please cut all cherry tomatoes, mini sausages and grapes etc. Sausages need to be cut lengthways. This is to avoid possible choking hazards at lunch time.
- Drinks are available throughout the session, but please provide one from home if staying for lunch.
- Croc shoes are very popular but are a trip hazard at nursery during outdoor play.

Fees

We will email the fees at the beginning of each month.

Please make payment within ten working days.

Phonics, Letters and Sounds

The children who are moving up to school in September 2022 will do a fun phonics session at least twice a week.

We have started to do blending and hearing middle and end sounds in words. This is always fun and enjoyed by all.

We do not focus on the letter name, we focus on the sound of each letter.

Government Funding

If you are eligible for 30 hours funding from April 2022, please obtain your code before the end of March 2022 – www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you already have your 30-hour code, please use the website above to renew it before the start of every term. If the code is not renewed, you may lose 15 funded hours per week for that term.

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