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## January 2017 Newsletter

### *Happy New Year!*

We hope that you had a good break and are looking forward to 2017.

We would like to welcome all the new families who are starting Pre-school and Nursery this term. Please let us know if there is anything you are unsure about or if there is anything we need to know that will help your child to settle



Children in nursery have enjoyed looking at books in our new cosy den



The Pre-school children have been making loud and quiet dinosaur noises!

### **Mobile Phones and Tablets**

Please remember that we do not allow parents or carers to use mobile phones or other such devices on the school site. This is to keep our children safe.

The children love to see you when they are collected so talk to them rather than your phone



### **Website**

Please keep up to date with school events, important dates and news by accessing our school website.

[http://arlesdene.herts.sch.uk/](http://arlesdene.herts.sch.uk)

The website also has lots of useful information such as ideas to help children's learning, photographs, governors, special needs, safety and our school policies.

## Applying for a Nursery place for September 2017



If your child was born between 1st Sep 2013 and 31 Aug 2014 you need to apply for a nursery place for them to start from Sep 2017. **This is the case even if your child is currently in our Pre-School.**

□ Applications open 6th February 2017 and close 17th March 2017.

### School Open Day

## Open Morning Saturday 28th January 10.30-12.00

For the families of children looking for a Nursery (3-4 year olds) or Pre-school place (2-3 year olds).

Come and talk to staff and see our wonderful Pre-school and nursery provision

Please share information about our Open Day with families who may be looking for a Pre-school or Nursery place.



### Reminders

- Please always telephone if your child is unwell and will not be coming to Pre-school or Nursery
- Help to keep our children safe by always making sure that you shut the gates as a child can easily slip through
- When you leave the Pre-school or Nursery room please ensure that another child does not follow you
- Remember that if your child has vomiting and /or diarrhoea they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting and /or diarrhoea

### Storyteller

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January Kathy Holt, a storyteller, will be working with the staff and children in nursery.



### Charles Walker MP

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January Charles Walker, our local MP, will be visiting Arlesdene. This will be an opportunity for us to show him all the wonderful learning opportunities and support that we provide for all children and their families.

### Book Bags in Nursery

When you arrive at the beginning of your child's session please help them to put their book bag in the box in their key group area. If they are left on coat pegs they fall off when children go to get their coats.



### Naming children's clothing

Please make sure that your child's clothes are names – particularly their shoes, coat, gloves, hats, scarves and jumpers.



### Parentmail – Keeping in touch

If you are not receiving emails and texts from us please check with Lorraine in the school office that we have your correct contact details



### Magic moments with your child

Please remember to send any 'magic moments' to [nurserymagicmoments@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk](mailto:nurserymagicmoments@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk) (for Nursery parents) or [magicmoments@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk](mailto:magicmoments@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk) (for Pre-school parents) so that they can be added to your child's learning journal.

These may include something that your child has said or experienced when they are with you. We are particularly interested in those times when your child is excited and wanting to talk. We would love to know what they actually say to you.

### School Fund contribution

**Please note that Spring term payments of £12 for the School fund are now due.**

### SPRING TERM 2017 Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Time	Event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Charles Walker MP Visit
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am – 12pm	Open Morning for families looking for a nursery place in Sept 2017
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	All Day	Storyteller working with staff and children
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Safer Internet Day
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> February	Closed all week	Half Term
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Normal times today	Last Day of Term