

WELCOME

Hi everyone and welcome back after half-term, hope you all had a good break.

We have an exciting end of term planned with visits, adventures and enhancements for the children. We hope to be able to honour the dates opposite, culminating in Church services for Christmas at St. John's Methodist Church, Victoria Avenue, Bloxwich.

I would just like to explain a little about our daily routine. Doors open at 8.30 a.m. for morning children and 12.30 p.m. for afternoon children. Doors close at 8.40 a.m. and 12.40 p.m., we then start our phonics session with the children, which is an especially valuable part of the children's learning, **so it is really important that you bring your child to nursery on time so that they do not miss out on this.** Also, it sometimes upsets children if they have to walk into nursery/class without their friends.

Both schools have enjoyed visits from a Diwali dancer and from Zoolab this week. These experiences are so enjoyable for the children who would otherwise not have the chance to touch a snake or a tarantula.

Some classes will be going out on visits to the park, the farm or other places. Your child's class teacher will keep you informed of these separately.

We informed you last term that Sandbank and Valley Nursery Schools are working closely together to maximise provision for all children. Teachers are spending time in both schools and working well together. We share a mini bus now which offers so many opportunities for all the children. We will ask you your views about the federation in the coming weeks.

***Nursery and Playcare will be closed on Friday 17th December
for staff training.***

We re-open on Tuesday 4th January, 2022

Kind regards

Dawn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Children in Need

On Friday 19th November we will be having a 'dressing up party' to raise money for Children in Need. Children can come to nursery and playcare in fancy dress. We will have collection buckets on the entrance doors for any donations you would like to make.



Parent Consultations

Staff are organising parent consultations this term and will invite you to have a telephone conversation to talk about the progress your child is making. We have been advised to minimise visitors into school which is why we will be calling you. N 2's consultations will be week commencing 15th November and N 1's, Playcare and Rainbows will be week commencing 22nd November. Staff will give you your date and time.



School Photographs

The school photographer will be in nursery on Thursday 9th December. Playcare children will have their photos taken at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. You can bring your child to have their photograph taken even if they do not attend Playcare on that day, Playcare staff will tell you the time to bring your child. Please do not dress your child in anything green, the photographer has got a Christmas background and green will clash with it.



Santa Visits

N 2's will be going to Lower Drayton Farm to visit Santa on Wednesday 8th December — further details nearer the time. N 1's, Rainbows and Playcare will be going to Valley Nursery to visit Santa in his Grotto and for lots of fun activities on this day.



Christmas Service

We will be having a Christmas Service at St. John's Methodist Church on Wednesday 15th December for the N 2's. Times to follow.



Christmas Party

We will be having a Christmas Party on Thursday 16th December, children can come in their party clothes or fancy dress, whatever they would like to do.

Hi everyone,

As promised, here are further details about upcoming events at Sandbank and other useful information:-

NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Your new parent governor at Sandbank is Amy Rowton. If you would like to speak to her or have comments to make, you can leave a message at the office for Amy to get in touch.

STAFF CHANGES

Sam will be leaving Sandbank at the end of the week. She has worked at Sandbank for eleven years and will be sadly missed. We wish her well in her new job.

We have had some changes to groups this term due to an increase in numbers and staff leaving or returning to Sandbank. Some staff have also been working across both schools in the Federation. We think we are settled to the best fit of teachers to classes now and will keep you posted about your child's progress over the coming weeks. Please come and talk to us if you have any questions about these changes.

FEDERATION

Over the next few weeks we will be asking for your views on the Federation. Your views are important to us. We want to be the best we can be for your child and will always listen to what you have to say.

Juggling Jim will be coming into nursery to entertain the children on the 14th December. Parents/carers of N 1's and Playcare children will be invited into nursery and Playcare on the 14th to join in story time. Just ask your child's teacher for times.

LOWER DRAYTON FARM

A letter detailing coach times for the N 2's trip to Lower Drayton Farm is attached.

CHRISTMAS MAGIC

The times of our services at St. John's Methodist Church are:-

10.30 a.m. for morning children and 2 p.m. for afternoon children. This is for Nursery 2's (children who will be leaving Sandbank July 2022).

We will walk the children to Church and you will have the option to take them home after the Service, if you wish.

TEACHING

We have been teaching children letters and sounds and maths planned by the teachers. If your child is sharing at home what they have learned in school, we would love to hear about it.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CLASS TEACHER: _____

I have noticed my child has been learning:-