



# Oakwood Community Pre-School Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to the national lock down that came into force yesterday, we would ask everyone to please follow some additional measures we are introducing with immediate effect to keep all our families and staff safe:

1. One adult per family to drop-off / pick-up
2. Face coverings to be worn during drop-off / pick-up, if not exempt
3. Safe distancing to be adhered to, particularly around the entrance gates and pre-school entrance

## WELCOME



We have a new member of staff who joined our pre-school team this week; Hannah Law will be working in both the Acorn and Oaktree rooms providing additional support for the staff and children.



Andrew Humphries will also be returning to help with the children and provide additional help to the staff. Andrew is a familiar face at pre-school having previously worked with us during the summer whilst at college and University.

We would like to welcome them both to Oakwood!

## IMPORTANT - SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

**If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 they can start school in September 2021.**

If this applies to you, please ensure you apply for an infant school place for your child by the deadline of: **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Applications opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 so you can apply now.

For more details and to apply for a place for your child, please go to the Hampshire website:

[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

Reminder postcards will be coming home with your children next week from pre-school.

## DUMMY FAIRY

Our 'dummy fairy' initiative is proving to be really effective and the children are responding very positively to the idea of giving up their dummies. We will be continuing with this until Christmas to encourage as many of our children as possible to take part, so please let us know if you are successful with this at home and we will make sure your child receives a letter from 'Dan and Daisy'!

## HEALTHY LUNCHES

We would like to thank all our families for sending your children in with a lovely healthy and balanced lunch box and would ask for a reduction in sugary snacks too please in line with our healthy eating initiative. We do appreciate that children like a treat at lunchtime, but if you could keep it to one small treat we would be very grateful. Please see our Healthy Eating poster attached to this newsletter for details. Thank you.

## WINTER CLOTHING

Now that the cold and wet weather is with us can we please remind you to make sure your child has a coat, wellies, hat and gloves at pre-school so they can spend time outside in the fresh air.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

A reminder that we will be supporting 'Pudsey Day' next **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020** – Caroline will be at the door to collect donations which will go directly to the Children in Need appeal.

Children are very welcome to come dressed in their PJ's, Onesie's or Pudsey clothes (optional).

Thank you for your support.