






SOUTHOVER PRESCHOOL

Dear Parents, 


30/11/17


It is finally the last few weeks before the Christmas break. It has been a wonderful term with lots of festivities. The children became familiar with different customs and celebrations of different cultures. England is a rich mix of all ethnic and religious origins, and British values are all about promoting a tolerant, democratic society where freedom of speech lives comfortably alongside respect for all. 




At Southover we have many  bilingual children who are at an early stage in their learning of English. Studies suggest that children go through a 'silent period' when they first enter an unfamiliar early years setting. This can last for up to six months or longer. During this time, children will be watching, actively listening, and exploring their environment to understand new experiences and to develop new meanings. They will be trying to relate previous knowledge to new contexts. It is important that children should not feel pressurised to speak until they feel confident enough to do so. However, it is essential that adults continue to talk to the children, to pick up their non-verbal responses. Adults should not pressure them by asking questions like 'Why, What, How', talk should be narrative, as children hear and process information. 









We have introduced a self service snack bar. Fruit and water is always available for children to help themselves. Milk however is provided on demand due to


various allergies.  This will promote independence in children and will



encourage them to make their own choices. 

Southover Preschool has always worked in Partnership with Parents. Sometimes parents need support in different areas. UNIVERSAL PLUS is a central 'one-stop-shop' way of accessing a wealth of support and programmes for families that operate out of children's centres. 

Referrals to children's centres can be made via Universal Plus as a way of supporting families who may need a bit of extra help in a variety of different areas. The following list is not comprehensive, but services offered by children centres could include:

- family support including help with older siblings 
- sleep training support 
- toilet training support 
- debt help and financial planning
- parenting classes 
- healthy eating support for all the family 
- fathers' groups
- stay and play sessions 
- speech and language therapy drop-in sessions 
- health visiting services 
- and so on

It is recommended that all families who feel they may need some extra support are referred because the support given by the children's centre is free, impartial and personalised to the family's need. Any Parents who feel the need for support, kindly let Mrs.Sayed know and you shall be referred. 

This week is the last week for all Tapestry observations, and they will continue from the next term.  Key workers are all ready for the parent consultations before the end of the term. Following are a few important dates for the following weeks: 



7th December 2017 – Christmas Concert (10:30 AM) 🎄



8th December 2017 – Entertainer for Children 🎅



15th December 2017 – Christmas Party and Last Day of Nursery






3rd January 2018 – Spring Term starts & Coffee Morning 🍷



As mentioned above on the 8th an Entertainer will come to perform, on the 15th please don't send any lunch as it will be provided by the Nursery. The 3rd of January 2018, is the first day back at school, it will be a regular school day and parents are welcome to come and have coffee from 8:30 to 10 am.

Southover's staff has made an amazing Christmas CD which will be on sale for the parents to buy at the Christmas concert. All proceeds will go towards 'Cracker Jacks'. Cracker Jacks is a charity for supporting Special Needs children and their families.

Southover Preschool would like to thank  all the parents for your support over the year, and for helping to make our nursery the warm and friendly place

that it is, wishing you all a  Merry Christmas and a  Happy and Peaceful New year.

General Information:

COLLECTION: Please inform staff if your child will be collected by someone else. Each child is given a password, which will be required at the time of pick up. We cannot let a child go without it.

CLOTHING, WASHBAGS & LUNCH BOXES: Must be clearly marked with your child's name.  

LUNCHES: To keep lunches fresh and at their best, please include an ice pack. No Nut Products to be included; your child may not be allergic, but someone else's may be.

MID – MORNING REFRESHMENT: A drink maybe brought in an unbreakable container, which again should be marked with your child's name. Snacks are provided (fruits, milk and water) 

INFECTIOUS ILLNESS: The principal must be informed if your child either contracts an infectious illness or comes into contact with an infected person.

REMINDERS: Kindly let the nursery know of any changes in address or telephone number, as it is the only way the nursery is in touch with the parents.

CAR PARK: Please observe the one way system: Entry – North End - Exit – South End.

UNIFORMS: 2 sweat shirts and 2 T- shirts collectively are £18 and are available in the school. It's advisable to buy them as home clothes are protected during school activities.

Term dates are added at the end of the Newsletter. Kindly collect you child on time, there will be additional costs for delays.

NOTICE: A term's notice must be given in writing if the child is going to be removed from the pre-school, otherwise a term's fees are payable.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Sayed





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TERM DATES 2017/2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017

TERM	DATES
First Term	Monday 4 th September 2017 – Friday 20 th October 2017
Half Term	Monday 23 th October 2017 – Friday 27 th October 2017
Second Term	Monday 30 th October 2017 – Friday 15 th December 2017

SPRING TERM 2018

TERM	DATES
First Term	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018 – Friday 9 th February 2018
Half Term	Monday 12 th February 2018 – Friday 16 th February 2018
Second Term	Monday 19 th February 2018 – Thursday 29 th March 2018

SUMMER TERM 2017

TERM	DATES
First Term	Monday 16 th April 2018 – Friday 25 th May 2018
Half Term	Monday 28 th May 2018 – Friday 1 st June 2018
Second Term	Monday 4 th June 2018 – Friday 20 th July 2018

INSET DAYS

Friday 1st September 2017

Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018