



Pre-School Newsletter January 2021

Welcome back to WUFA, we hope even under current circumstances you had a good Christmas break. For those children just joining us, welcome and we look forward to getting to know you over the coming months.

As you are aware the setting remains open despite COVID rates being higher than ever and a new strain of the virus, which regardless of what you may hear in the press is very much present in young children. We have a few minor staff changes which are temporary and if you are affected by these changes you will have already been notified.

The committee and I would like to thank the team because this really is a difficult time for all of them in the workplace, juggling their own lives and concerns. We ask you as parents to please continue to follow the Government Guidelines because failure to do so puts us personally and our own families at risk. We all long for the day that these restrictions can be lifted but right now, work with us and we can continue to provide high quality education for your children.

Thank you,

Kate and WUFA Management Committee

Fundraising

We were totally overwhelmed with the Community Support we received in the lead up to Christmas. Jazzy the Elf was a total hit and raised £100 and Jay Allice sold out of her calendars within days, also raising £100. We are just so thankful they chose us as their charities and look forward to working with you again in the future. We will let you know in the next newsletter what our Christmas fundraising efforts totalled!

OCC Grant - Outdoor Learning

We are thrilled to announce that we received a grant from Oxfordshire County Council at the end of last term. This grant is specifically given to enhance outdoor learning areas so that during the Pandemic as much time as possible is spent outside.

With no time to waste we enlisted a local company who very kindly came in over the Christmas holidays and demolished the old broken cover over the sand pit, filled in the old broken sand pit and rebuilt a more fit for purpose learning area.

It isn't quite finished yet due to this lockdown, but it will be transformed into an outdoor teaching space.



Picture it with a side panel, few tables, plants, outdoor seating and bunting and that is what we are trying to create!



This Term at WUFA: "Where I live"

The children really enjoy this topic as do we and especially at the moment as all children will be spending large amounts of time in their Community. We will be looking at our homes, environments, those that work in the services which again is very topical.

We are aware that we have children of varying ages in each session and want to reassure you that your child's Keyperson plans learning which is appropriate for each child's age/ability and interests. During the day the children also split off into individual and small group times which is a fantastic learning opportunity. These group times vary from phonics to singing to targeting learning.

As we are unable to hold 1:1 parent evenings this term we will be contacting you in due course to arrange a 10 minute call or zoom to discuss your child's progress. We are just working out how best to do this with current staffing levels and commitments outside of work.

January Stories of the week:

11th The Gruffalo

18th The Tiger that came to tea

24th Handa's Surprise

Home learning idea & request:

Talk about where you live, what type of house/flat/bungalow. Where do you live, does your child know what number house or road name? All of these types of conversations spark interest in their surroundings.

If you are able and are willing, we would love for you to send/email in a picture of your child outside your house (even if they are not currently attending) we can then add these photos to our family tree in the setting.