



Foxglove Montessori Nursery

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Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. A particularly warm welcome to all our new families; we hope you enjoy your time with Foxglove.

Nursery closure due to weather

If the weather forces closure of Foxglove we will let you know by email and messages on Tapestry. Please check if Nursery is open before setting off from home.

Forest Schools

Forest Schools will start again just after half term. There are spaces in the afternoon session from 1.30 to 3.30pm for children aged 3 and over on 1st January. It will be wonderful to watch the spring coming to the woods.

Focus book

The children at Foxglove love listening to, and looking at books. We are planning to focus on different books over the course of the term, to encourage this love of reading. Our books for this half term will be:

Room on a Broom

The Gingerbread Man.

The Three Little Pigs

Library

Library will be on a Monday this half term at 12.30 and 4pm. Please pop in and borrow a book for a week.

Letter sound and number of the week

Every week we have a featured letter sound and a number of the week. Children are invited to bring in an item that starts with the letter sound or relates to the number. Please name anything that your child brings to nursery, and nothing too precious please.

Week beginning	Letter	Number
Jan 6 th	r	1
Jan 13 th	h	2
Jan 20 th	b	3
Jan 27 th	f	4
Feb 3 rd	l	5
Feb 10 th	j	6

We are holding a parent workshop to help you to help your child with the early stages of reading and writing. See below for the date.

Staff News

We were sorry to say goodbye to Haidee at the end of last term, but we are delighted to welcome Isabelle to the Foxglove team.

Gail is now Manager at Foxglove, and Gemma is Deputy Manager. Lindsey remains as Principal.

We are currently recruiting for an Early Years Practitioner and an administrative assistant. Please ask for details if you are interested.

Application for a school place

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2020, the deadline for applications for a place is midnight on 15th January. Whilst we cannot advise on your choice of school, we are very happy to help in any other way you need. Please just ask.

Spring term 2020 - 12 weeks

Starts: Monday 6th January 2020

Half term: Monday 17th February to
Friday 21st February 2020

Ends: Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer term 2020 - 12 weeks

Starts: Monday 20th April 2020

Half term: Monday 25th May to
Friday 29th May 2020

Ends: Friday 17th July 2020

Packed lunches for lunch club

Children can bring a packed lunch to eat with their friends and teachers. We provide water to drink, but children can bring a drink if they choose.

Thank you for all your support in sending healthy packed lunches. Eating well in the Early Years sets up good eating patterns for life.

Grapes and cherry tomatoes can be a choking hazard. Please cut these lengthwise before sending for lunchclub. No chocolate, sweets or crisps please, and **no nuts, salmon or seafood.**

Stay and play

You are invited to stay with your child during one of their normal sessions and join in with their play and learning. Please speak to Lindsey if you are interested and we can arrange a date for you to come in.

Dates for your diary

Week beginning Monday 3rd February.

Parent's meetings for **parents of children who have started at nursery this term.** This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's key person and have a chat about how your child has settled in and discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Friday 28th February

Forest Schools starts.

Thursday 5th March

World book day. Come to Nursery dressed as your favourite character from a book.

Tuesday 10th March 4.30pm

Parents workshop - Starting to read and write.
This will be at Foxglove Montessori Nursery off Onehouse Road

Thursday 19th March 4.15 onwards

Parent's afternoon for **parents of children who were with us last year.** This is a chance to chat to your child's key person and discuss their progress since last term.

Please don't hesitate to ask me or your child's key person if you have any questions or concerns. It is usually easier to give you our full attention at the end of the session rather than the beginning. Looking forward to a great term,

Lindsey Harvey
Principal