

# Wembdon Sunshiners Pre-School

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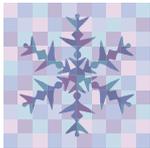


November 2019

Welcome back from the half term break everyone! We hope you are ready for a fun packed half term!

Christmas is fast approaching, so we will try and keep you all full of festive cheer! 51 sleeps to go!!

Please read this newsletter carefully for information, take note of any important dates and keep an eye out for notices in our reception area. Don't forget to regularly check our Facebook page.



First up we know we're always going on about it (sorry!) but, can we please remind parents/carers to name your children's clothes. We have lots of missing items of clothing so please double check all your labels. Our children go out even if it's raining, so as the weather gets colder, they will also need a hat, scarf and gloves.

As you are aware our invoice system payments are now due monthly or termly depending on how you have chosen to pay this. Payments are due on the **14<sup>th</sup> of each month**. Please be aware that late payment charges will be added to your account if you do not inform Laura of any issues around paying this. Please come into the office if you need to make other payment arrangements or a different payment date.



You should have all received your log in details for Tapestry now by email. If you haven't received your email from Tapestry, if you're having trouble logging in to see your child's progress or if you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff. We hope you are enjoying viewing your child's progress and photos. Remember you can have other family members added to the system to view your child's Learning Journal (grandparents, uncles, aunties etc). Please email Jen/Laura with names and

email addresses of any relatives you would like added.

Information is also available on our website here: <http://www.wembdon-sunshiners.co.uk/tapestry-online-learning-journal.html>



If your child is absent for any reason, could you please phone/email us, so we are aware. It is never a problem but if you could let us know it would be appreciated.



We are holding a Festive Jumper Week on week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December. This is just a fun week where the children (and staff!) can show off their favourite festive jumpers if they wish to on the last week of half term. Participation is NOT compulsory and please be aware that our normal activities will be out, so they may get messy!



If you think your child may be entitled to 2 year old funding or Early Years Pupil Premium from the government or if you would like to find out more please see our information page on our website: <http://www.wembdon-sunshiners.co.uk/early-years-entitlement-and-pupil-premium.html> or take an information leaflet from our reception area.

**30 hour funding** - If you already have a 30 hour funding code please make sure that you re-apply when you are told to do so by either calling the helpline on 0300 123 4097 or following this link: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> if you are not sure if you are eligible or not then please follow the link above to check and see the table below. Ask Laura for further information.

If their child's third birthday falls between:	Parents need to apply, get a code and contact childcare provider before	Once place is confirmed families can start using extended hours from
1 September – 31	31 December	1 January (Spring)

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1 January – 31 March	31 March	1 April (Summer)
1 April – 31 August	31 August	1 September (Autumn)

holding them on, they will be 10 minutes long and will start from 4:15, please see your keyworker to arrange a time.



Here are a few ways in which you can raise funds for Sunshiners just by simply doing your usual online shopping...

1. At [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
2. At <https://www.mynametaqs.com/> using code 71970 (You can earn extra money if you shop via Easy Fundraising on this site as well!)



This year we will be having our annual nativity in St Georges Church; however, this performance will be for school leavers ONLY, due to increased child numbers and capacity in the church. If your child is due to leave us in July 2020 he/she will be taking part in the Nativity. If your child is staying with us for another year he/she will be invited to take part in the nativity in December 2020, the nativity will be held at the church on Thursday the **19<sup>th</sup> December at 4.15pm** with mince pies and hot drinks at the Parish Centre afterwards. Tickets will be out from next week.

Further details, roles and song sheets will be sent home shortly. Tickets will cost £2.00 each which will include a hot drink and a mince pie.

We will be drawing our Christmas raffle after the nativity.



We will be holding parent consultations this half term on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. An email has been sent out saying which days the keyworkers will be



This year we are holding our Christmas party at Wembdon Sunshiners Pre-School on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm-6pm. There will be a disco, party food, a gift for each child and a visit from Father Christmas! Tickets will be available to purchase soon at a cost of £5.00. Siblings are also welcome to attend but **will** require a ticket, however, under 1's are free but will **NOT** receive a present from Father Christmas.



Raffle tickets will soon be on sale for our Awesome Christmas raffle. We already have some fabulous prizes confirmed so please share with all friends and family about our raffle!



We had Green Apple in on 22<sup>nd</sup> October before half term. The children were brilliant, and we cannot wait to show you the photos. We are expecting the proofs around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in November, as soon as we have them, we will let you know.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS-CAULIFLOWER CARDS

Going home with the children this week are their Christmas card designs. If you wish to order packs of Christmas cards, they are done online through cauliflower cards. Fear not, it is a simple process to follow, which they have written down opposite the children's design.

**THEY MUST BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

### Staff Training Update

Sonny has completed level 2 Puppy power training. He will be due to start his next course in January.

Naomi has just completed a social and emotional seminar.

Jen has attended additional safeguarding update training.

The staff are all regularly partaking in online courses to further their knowledge.



Thank you to all who attended our Halloween Disco, any feedback is welcome. We hope the children enjoyed it; the face painting looked great!



member of staff.

As always, please remember we have an open-door policy here at Sunshiners. If there's anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to speak to a



Please be aware that we promote healthy eating here at Sunshiners. With the weather getting colder we are very aware that some children are opting to stay inside and therefore do not always have access to our water fountain. Although we have a supply of water and milk available during snack time we ask that you provide your child with a clearly named drinks bottle for water ONLY during the session to be left on the trolley so that your child can access it freely. We are happy for your child to have juice at lunchtime. Please try to provide your child with a varied healthy lunch.



**Donate Now** We have a donation tree wish list located in the reception area, if you can donate any of the items on the wish list - it would be greatly appreciated.



We have a clothing bank positioned to the right of the Cricket Club by the recycling bins. All proceeds go to the Pre-School.

If you would like to increase your child's sessions in January, please talk to Jen and Laura in the office so we can look into availability.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Pre-School Returns

#### **Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November Parent Consultations

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November Parent Consultations

#### **Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party 4pm-6pm

#### **Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Festive jumper week

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December -Nativity play for children in their final year at pre-school

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec-Final day of Term

#### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

#### **Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - INSET DAY

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Pre-School Returns