

TOWNSEND BARN NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM SEPTEMBER 2023

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Welcome back to the Autumn term!

Welcome back to the Autumn term. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and had time to relax at some point.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sports Day at the end of last term. The rain held off, and great fun was had by all!

This term we welcome 11 new children and their families to Townsend Barn so it's going to be another busy year ahead! Welcome everyone!

This term we have several visitors booked, so please check the list of important dates for more information.



Bubble play!



Rain play!



Dave Hickory the Magician at the Graduation Party



Calling all parents and grandparents!

Do you, or anyone you know, have an exciting occupation or hobby you would like to share with the children? We would love to invite you in to share your experiences. The children love a visit from a doctor, nurse, vet, pet, armed forces, or farmer for example. Or are there any grandparents that would like to come and read a few stories one day?

We are always looking to offer different learning opportunities to the children to extend their interest and development and involving our wider community is a great way to do this. Please let us know if you can help.

We now have TBN baby polo tops in stock. If you would like to order any uniform, please pop us an email.

We send huge congratulations to Miss Mya and her fiancé Dan. For those that didn't see her at Sports Day, they welcomed baby Leni to the world on 17th July. While she is on maternity leave, Miss Leah has taken on the position of Room Leader in the Barn Owl room. Miss Megan has moved to the Caterpillar Room, and Miss Chloe has moved to the Butterfly Room. Giving our staff the opportunities to widen their professional development and gain more knowledge and experience is good practice – it also means the children get to know all staff in each room!

Over the summer we have welcomed Miss Tia to the Caterpillar Room. She has joined us straight from school and starts her Level 2 apprenticeship with Wiltshire College soon. We also welcome back Miss Rachel and Miss Jodie.

We have lots of baby news! Miss Kelly is expecting twins and leaves us this month to start her maternity leave. Miss Vicky is also pregnant and due at the beginning of the New Year. We send lots of congratulations to them both!



Our Car Park & Gates – Please please be mindful of your speed when using our car park, and always lock each gate. There are children using this space all the time and speeding cars and open gates are an accident waiting to happen. Also please do not leave children in the car, and car engines running, when dropping/collecting your child. Not only is it against the law, but it is also very dangerous for little people to breath in the fumes.

Clothing - Please label all clothing brought into nursery. We do have an increasing amount of lost property here, and some things that have disappeared forever!

For those that need to apply for a school place for September 2024, please note your online application needs to be submitted by **15th January 2024** via the Wiltshire Council website

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-online If you need any help or advice, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Sarah.



For those children who will be three years old before the January term, please don't forget to check if you are eligible to claim 30 hours of funding to help with your childcare costs. If you are successful, please contact Sarah so she can validate your application. **More information can be found on this and about tax free childcare savings at:**

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Concept Photography will be visiting us on **Thursday 5th October**.

They are specialists in young children's photography and take beautiful contemporary photographs. If your child is not in on this day (or not started with us yet) why not pop along anyway as they will make ideal Christmas presents. You can see examples of their work at www.conceptphotographyltd.co.uk



We are excited to announce that on Tuesday 14th November, Longleat will be visiting us so we can all meet some furry and creepy creatures. Again, anyone who is not in on this day (or not started yet) are welcome to pop along and join us.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -

- **Start of Funding – Monday 4th September 2023**
- **Guide dog visit – Tuesday 12th September 2023**
- **Yoga – Tuesday 12th September 2023**
- **Harvest Festival Celebrations – w/c 25th September 2023**
- **Concept Photography – Thursday 5th October 2023**
- **Yoga – Tuesday 10th October 2023**
- **End of Funding – Tuesday 17th October 2023**
- **Start of Funding – Monday 30th October 2023**
- **Longleat – Tuesday 14th November 2023**
- **Christmas Lunch – Thursday 7th December 2023**
- **Christmas Party – Tuesday 12th December 2023**
- **End of Funding – Wednesday 20th December 2023**
- **Nativity & Close for Christmas – Thursday 21st December 2023 2pm**
- **Nursery opens – Tuesday 2nd January 2023**
- **Start of Funding – Friday 5th January 2024**