



Speldhurst Nursery School

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As always it is a pleasure to be writing at the beginning of another new academic year at Speldhurst Nursery School. I hope that you have all had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to this coming year, I know am looking forward to seeing you all and getting to know all of the new families. There are a lot of you!

This term we will be exploring the topic "Myself and my family". This is a great way for us to get to know the children and for them to know each other a little better, we have found this a great way to start the academic year and those who have explored this with us before are a whole year older now!



It would help to give us a positive start if every child could bring a photograph of themselves with their family however big or small. These will be on display at the children's level so please do not send anything too precious (a photocopy will be fine). Please put your child's names on the back of the photograph and make sure you come and admire them all yourself.



Dates for your diary Friday 25th September – Photographer in for the morning. Family groups from 8.30

Tuesday 8th December - Nativity time TBC – At St Mary's Church Speldhurst

Last Day of term Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Party for all children

We very much hope that the children will continue to bring items of interest from home. These can be anything, but we especially love it when it is something they have found when out and about, or something they have made, or related to our current topic.

We hope you have all been successful in finding indoor plimsolls or slippers, that can be worn inside the hall, with their outdoor shoes or welly boots to be left on the trolley in the foyer. We will continue to access the garden in all weathers. Please remember that we are teaching your children to become independent and that they should be able to have a go at getting their footwear on and off themselves. We do support them in learning how to manage this, and they really do feel a sense of achievement when they are able to be independent. Remember all footwear does need to be named.



If your child is about to start staying with us all day, then they will need to bring a packed lunch. We encourage you to send the children with a healthy packed lunch, please pack it with food they will eat, and not more than they would normally have at lunch time – we do encourage the children to eat what has been sent in so if they only eat 2 sandwiches and a banana then that will be fine. NO NUTS – in any form, peanut butter, snack bars. Given the number of allergies and children with special diets etc. we have taken the decision to ask all parents not to bring in sweets/cakes etc for their birthdays and special days. The staff will miss them, however, the children who are not allowed them will not have to endure the disappointment, and little things are huge when you are 2 and 3 years old.

If you are driving to the nursery please remember to drive and park considerately. In particular please drive slowly into the nursery along St Mary's Lane. The parents and children who walk to nursery are vulnerable on this last stretch where there is no pavement. The children quite rightly love to jump and bounce their way along but in doing so run a risk of tripping and falling. If vehicles are travelling too fast the results could be disastrous.

We are looking forward to working with the children, exploring, discovering, learning and laughing!

See you all very soon, Lizzie Pannell and the team!