**NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021**

Dear parents/carers,

We are all delighted that at the moment everyone is staying healthy and well. The children are having a muddily fantastic time in our “mud garden” !! We are so grateful that you have all been great about sending your child in to Sticky Fish well kitted out for the mud, and cold temperatures. Thankyou for embracing this outdoor play with us!

One of our core stories this month has been The Billy Goats Gruff, and the children have been enjoying and joining in with repeated words and phrases in the story. They have been enacting out the story with props in the tuff tray, whilst telling the story to one another.

**INDOOR SHOES**

I hope you will have seen the message on Class Dojo that we are asking that you send in your child with an indoor pair of shoes, if you don’t want their slippers to get muddy when we run a firedrill each term.

**SNACKTIME REQUESTS**

We would like to extend the variety of foods that we offer the children at snacktime. At present, we offer fruit, veg, breadsticks and cheese, so we would like to include some new items such as:

Rice Cakes

Oat cakes

Ryvitas

Crispbreads

Crisp flatbreads

If you would like to bring in any of the following as a donation for snacktime, we would welcome these items. Thankyou for continuing to bring in a piece of fruit or veg for our sharing snacktime.

**CHRISTMAS DONATIONS**

We would like to say a huge thankyou for the amazing generosity towards Sticky Fish, that you gave us through your donations at Christmas. We were so delighted at raising over £100. We have decided to put this towards purchasing a mini oven/hob for our kitchen. We can then use this for baking, and cooking activities with the children, which they always love doing!

**SAFEGUARDING**

It is a priority of ours to keep all the children safe, so I have attached a copy of our Child Protection policy which every parent should have easy access to. Please get in touch with me and I will email you a copy of any policy you wish to see. A reminder that L**IZ TOMLINSON** is the designated safeguarding lead, and **JO BALL** is the deputy safeguarding lead. If you have any safeguarding concerns or questions, please do speak to either of us. You should also be aware that you, as a parent/member of the public can call  **FIRST RESPONSE** on 01179036444 if you have any safeguarding concerns.

You should all have a copy of the Covid 19 risk assessment which was carried out at the start of the pandemic, and is regularly reviewed and updated. Please do chat to me if you have not seen this document.

**TERM DATES**

**Term 3 - Tues 5th Jan 2021 to Fri 12th Feb 2021**

**Term 4 - Mon 22nd Feb to Thurs 1st April**

**Term 5 - Mon 19th April to Fri 28th May**

**Term 6 - Mon 7th June to Wed 21st July**

**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE ONE MORE INSET DAY TO BE CONFIRMED.**