



Big Nursery Newsletter

DECEMBER 2019



Term dates

Term ends - Friday 20th December

Teacher Training Day - Monday 6th January

Term starts - Tuesday 7th January

February half term - 17th - 21st February

Teacher Training Day - Friday 3rd April

Easter Holidays - 6th - 17th April

Term starts - Monday 20th April

Bank Holiday - Friday 8th May

May half term - 25th - 29th May

Teacher Training Day - Friday 5th June

Induction Day - Wednesday 8th July

Term ends - Friday 17th July

Teacher Training Day - Monday 20th July



On behalf of all the Nursery staff we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and we will see you when Nursery re-opens on Tuesday 7th January.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The children have enjoyed working together in partnership with their parents to share festive activities. The Christmas Crafts Day was a great success and it was fantastic to see such a high number of parents helping their children to create Christmas cards, produce calendars, make Christmas tree decorations, write letters to Father Christmas, sort numbered presents and decorate the Christmas tree.



The Christmas 'Sing Song' at the local church was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their confidence skills, as they performed a range of new Christmas songs to their families. Thank you to all the parents who supported us to help walk their child to the church. The children enjoyed listening to the Nativity story and were particularly excited to see their upcycled Christmas tree that they created for the community Christmas tree festival being displayed in the church.



The children are still particularly enjoying retelling one of their favourite stories: 'The Tiger who came for Tea'. We hope that you are enjoying your home learning packs; please remember to send us a photograph to share your child's mark making as they create a shopping list or to share their play dough creations.



No mobile phones or photographs in Big Nursery

Please do not use your mobile phones whilst in the Big Nursery or any device to take photographs. This is for the safety and welfare of all our children.



Primary School starters September 2020



Nursery children that are starting school in September 2020 **must** apply for their school place before **Wednesday 15th January 2020** in order to be allocated a primary school place. You can make your application online by following the steps on the website at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions
National offer day is Thursday 16th April 2020.

Parking

Please **DO NOT PARK** on the Yellow Zig-Zags lines outside the Centre. We have had some near misses concerning the children. **You are breaking the law and will receive a fine.**

Please can parents be considerate of our neighbours when parking. Thankyou.



Germs

Can we remind children to cough and sneeze into their elbow to help prevent germs spreading.

Cough and sneeze?
Elbow, please!



Bad Weather Closure

As we are moving into the Winter season, it may be necessary to close the Centre in the case of severe weather. If this occasion arises we will alert the local radio stations. You can visit the website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures and sign up for free text/e-mail alerts. We will also alert you by text message if you are signed up to our text message service. Please be assured that the Centre will only be closed as a last resort, in order to keep children and staff safe.

School closures

[View list of currently closed schools](#)

Text message alerts

Sign up to receive free text messages when your school closes. You can sign up for as many schools as you need.

Subscribing

Step 1) Select your school...

If your school is not listed, they may be using their own text message system. Please speak to your school to find out about signing up.

Step 2) Send the following message to **07960 081082**. Texts sent to this number are charged at your normal operator rate. **Note** – it is important that you include the word 'on' at the end of your message.

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If you need to sign up for more than one school, just repeat from Step 1 for each school.

Step 3) You will receive a confirmation message within 12 hours. If you don't receive this, please try again, making sure you use the right telephone number and text in your message.

Disability Living Allowance

If your child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, please could you bring proof of this and show to the office staff.

Thank you.

Parental Controls

It is coming to the time of year when children may receive Christmas gifts such as gaming consoles or mobile devices including phones or tablets. There may be programmes on the television that are not suitable for younger children and we know how strongly you feel about keeping your children safe by following age restricted guidelines.



Below are some links for you to ensure you have information to help keep your children safe by updating your parent controls on all of your electronic equipment. Children are very tech savvy and whilst you think they have not seen you use your log in details they may prove you wrong! Keep your passwords safe and inaccessible to children and make sure you log out when you leave your devices.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/parental-controls>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

If your child is absent



Please remember to contact the Centre on the day your child is going to be absent, you can either:

Telephone **02476 383708**

Text **07511 213751**

(please ensure you put your child's full name and the reason for their absence in the text)

They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Nursery.



Please could you make sure all your phone numbers are up to date if not please let the office know of any changes.

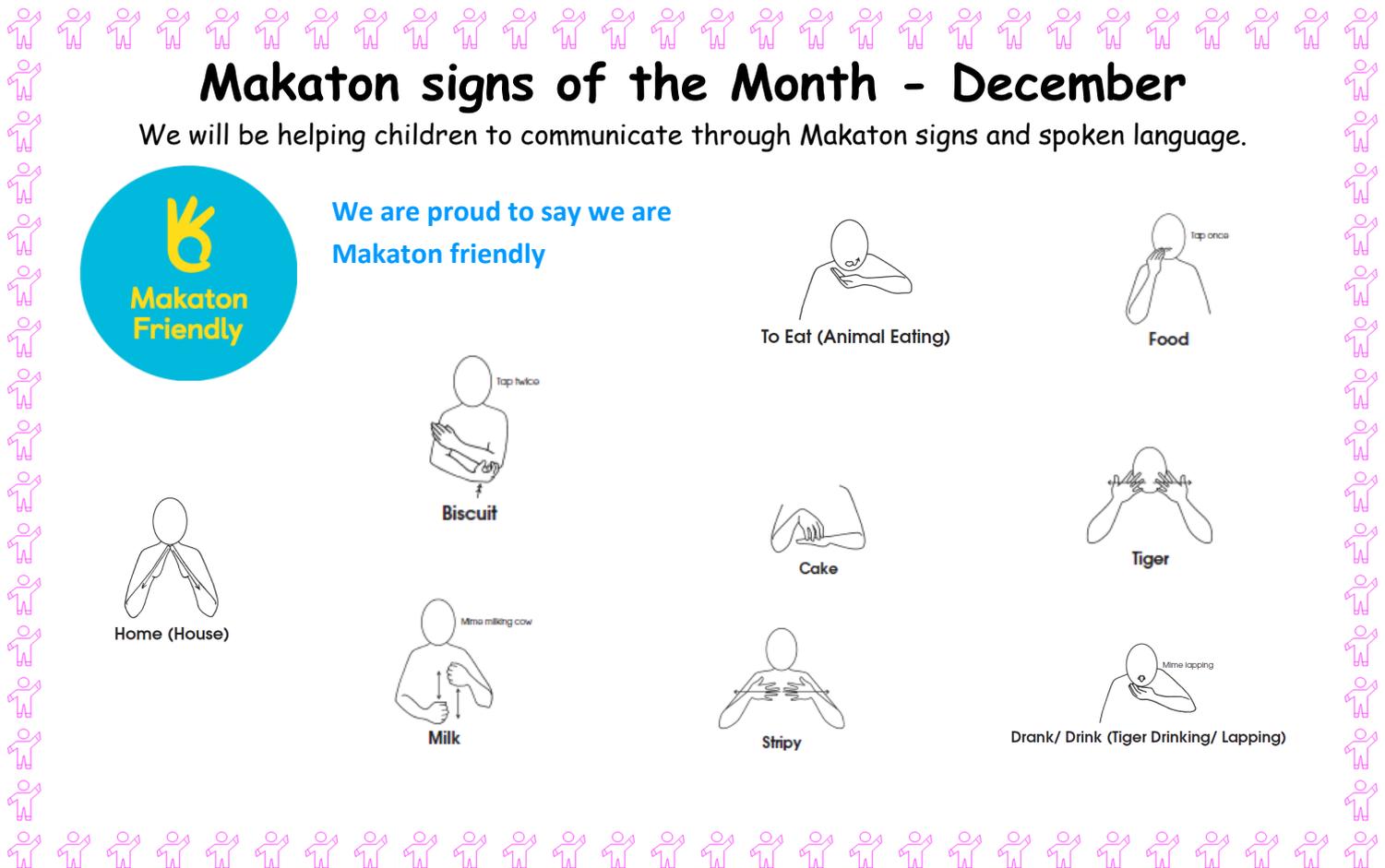


Well being corner

Please try to **connect** and find time for yourself and your child. Talk to someone, share ideas and thoughts that are positive as well as uncomfortable or difficult for you.

1. Take notice
2. Keep learning
3. **Connect**
4. Be active and be creative
5. Play

Spending just five minutes each day with your child (the time it takes to make a sandwich or sew a button) will help you both **connect** as it is important to feel valued and close to someone. It may be you talk about something that has made you feel happy or something you feel you have done well that particular day.

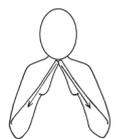


Makaton signs of the Month - December

We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



We are proud to say we are Makaton friendly



Home (House)



Biscuit



Milk



To Eat (Animal Eating)



Food



Cake



Tiger



Stripy



Drank/ Drink (Tiger Drinking/ Lapping)