



Leechpool Caterpillar
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Christmas Newsletter

We are coming to the end of a busy term, which has been jammed packed with festive fun. We are delighted that we have been able to go ahead with all our plans despite the ever-changing restrictions - a big thank you to our Caterpillar families for all for your support!

Delayed Start Time – Tuesday, 4th January 2022

A reminder to all our Tuesday morning children that nursery is opening at 10:30am on Tuesday, 4th January 2022. This is to allow us to run a settling in session for our January starters. Please ensure that children attending the morning session arrive at 10:30am, a member of the team will be at the gate to welcome you in. Please note that the afternoon session is not affected.

Your Mind Matters

We appreciate how incredibly tough this year has been on children and families. We also know that winter, Christmas and the festive holidays can be a really difficult time for some people. You can find lots of information, support and links to further help online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/YourMindMatters.

Toys from Home

Please note that we will no longer allow our Caterpillars to bring any toys from home, with the exception of comforters. We relaxed this rule through the Autumn Term, but need to reintroduce it to ensure that we reduce the risk of transmitting COVID.

Illnesses

Please can we remind you not to send your child into school if they have experienced diarrhoea or vomiting until 48 hours after the last episode, to avoid unnecessarily passing it on to other children and staff.

If your child is feeling ill in the morning, please keep them at home and assess them during the day. If they need calpol before they come to school to reduce a temperature or hide a symptom, this can often wear off by lunchtime and the child needs to go home but have subsequently passed their illness on to someone else.

Please remember to regularly test for covid with lateral flow tests, for the protection of everyone.

Dates to Remember

Spring Term Start Date: Tuesday, 4th January 2022
Half Term: Monday, 21st February – Friday, 25th February 2022
INSET Day: Monday, 28th February 2022
Spring Term End Date: Friday, 8th April 2022



School Leavers

The deadline for applying for a school place is **Saturday, 15th January 2022**. Please make sure you complete your application on time.

To apply for a school place, or for more information on applying, please visit this [link](#) and read the [Starting School Leaflet](#) and [Application Checklist](#).

Fundraising

We are thrilled to have raised a total of **£401.66** in fundraising this term. These funds have been raised from Christmas Bundle sales, Christmas Card sales, and our two stalls at the Christmas Fayre. We will use this money to buy new resources for the nursery. Thank you for all your support.

Thank You!

This week we have been spoiled with many cards, chocolates, and gifts. It's a pleasure working with all the Caterpillars, thank you for all your generosity and for thinking of us. Wishing you all a very happy and healthy festive season, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.