

**Dear parents and carers,**

**A happy new year to you all!**

**We are now very much back in the swing of things at nursery as we are part way through the first half of the Spring term. In the last few weeks we have welcomed some new children and families to Millfields and the children are settling in and getting to know their new friends and keyworkers. The children have been enjoying Forest School sessions and investigating how the outdoor environment changes in Winter. In the next week or so they will be finding out how Lunar New Year is celebrated around the world and enjoying music and dancing. We will also be holding our Valentines Ball for the children on the last day of this half term. We have lots planned already in the Spring term for parents, carers and children and dates for some of these events can be found overleaf. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions about these dates or events.**

### **Reminders and information**

**\* A reminder that Nursery session times are 8.30-11.15/11.30am and 12.15-3.00/3.15pm. We ask that children are brought in on time so that they do not miss valuable learning with their keyworkers and collected promptly please. Late fees will be incurred after these times.**

**\* Children are offered a daily drink of milk or water during their sessions but can bring in their own bottles of plain water if they so wish. This must be plain water ONLY.**

**\* Can parents please ensure that all belongings are labelled with their child's name, including coats, shoes, lunchboxes and bags.**

**\* For children who bring a packed lunch to school, can we remind parents that grapes need to be cut length ways to ensure that they are not a choking hazard please**

**\* Please note— If parents wish for their children to do extra sessions or stay for lunch time provision, then this needs to be booked in advance with Carmella in the office to prevent disappointment. Any money for fees needs to be handed to Carmella in the office between 8.30 and 2.30pm please.**

## **Reminders and information continued...**

**Good news! We are able to support families by means of food bank vouchers. Anyone who feels that they would benefit from this, please speak to either Lynne or Dawn and we will be happy to arrange this for you as quickly as we can.**

**Please note that this is a confidential service.**

- As the weather remains cold, a reminder that the children need a suitable coat, hat, scarf, gloves (and wellies if necessary) with them every day please so that they can access the outdoor environment safely and warmly. Outdoor play is a vital part of the early years curriculum and the children must take part in outdoor activities every day as part of this.**



**Dates for your diary:**

**Saturday 27th January—Open Day at nursery for prospective parents**

**Wednesday 31st January—Police visit for afternoon children**

**Friday 9th February—Valentines Ball and children break up for half term**

**Monday 19th February—children return to school**

**Monday 4th March—Mothers Day events this week (more information to follow)**

**Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (more information to follow)**

**School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 22nd March.**

**Monday 8th April—children return to school for the Summer term**



**All of the staff at Millfields would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continuing support.**

