

# CONKERS DAY NURSERY

## January 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Presents

Thank you all for your cards, kind words and thoughts, chocolates, biscuits and mince pies keeping conkers girls at a fighting weight ☺

### Children's clothing

Please, Please can you name your children's clothes; T shirts, jumpers, hats coats and gloves - the lot! The children are good at knowing their own cloths but if you have 3 items the same it does become tricky.

### Term time dates

Last day of term is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February returning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Easter break is 3<sup>rd</sup> April, returning 18<sup>th</sup> April. As we are in Norfolk we follow Norfolk County Council's holiday times.

### Bad weather

Conkers staff are a plucky lot so we do not expect to close in bad weather. However, if we have extreme weather and cannot open we will put an announcement on the Norfolk County Council web site

[www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/nccclosures\\_schools.html](http://www.disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/nccclosures_schools.html) and on our facebook page and website [www.conkers4kids.co.uk](http://www.conkers4kids.co.uk) . We will also try to contact you by phone.

Please note that The Heywood road is not gritted and can become very slippery so please drive slowly. Also note our car park is not gritted.

If we have opened but we consider conditions are making travel dangerous we will contact all families and carers to try and organise an early pick up.

### Children's records.

If you would like to have a meeting with your child's key worker or just take a look through their records please just ask.

Your child's learning journey is a record of their young (early?) years so should have information about their achievements from all child care settings as well as home. If there are any little steps you would like to record from home please write them down or take a photo and we will put it in the learning journey record. When you leave Conkers your will be given the record.

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### Staffing moves

As many of you will know already Jess is going to leave us at the beginning of February. Jess has been with us for 5 years and has been running the baby room while Becky is on maternity leave. We are sorry to see her go but wish her every success in her new role as a Teaching Assistant at her son's school.

Becky is returning from her maternity leave on a part time basis in May and will be doing a few days with us before hand to refamiliarise herself with the little ones in the baby room.

Nicola has decided that she would like to escape the office and spend more time with the children. As a result she will be running the baby room with Becky and taking over Jess's key children. She will continue to oversee the nursery from the hands on child care and development side.

Debbie will be taking care of the administration side of the business throughout February and then figuring out if she can combine that with her day job or if we need an administrator.

She will be in the office most Mondays and Tuesdays in February so do pop in and say hello.

### We'll try and help....

We always try and accommodate any changes to hours/days that families need. Obviously this is subject to us having space and us having the right staff ratios in place. Please note however that most of our spaces have been taken. If you are thinking of making a change to your regular hours please let us know as soon as early as you can.

### Staying in touch

You may have noticed we have a redesigned website [www.conkers4kids.co.uk](http://www.conkers4kids.co.uk). We intend to use this site more as a way to communicate with our families. We always welcome feedback so please let us know any ideas and suggestions .

### Healthy start

One of the families that use Conkers are the owners of Heywood Sports and Social club, Diss. As well as squash, tennis and gym facilities they have a fantastic range of courses and classes. There is even one that is for parents and toddlers.

Check them out at [www.heywoodclub.co.uk](http://www.heywoodclub.co.uk) and pop in.