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### First day of Term 3

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Last day of Term 3

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Staff Development Day

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Staff Changes

On Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January Melanie Easton will be starting her maternity leave. We welcome Pooja Chawla who will be covering Melanie's role until Melanie returns in October

We also welcome Katie Chambers who has replaced Emma Hayes in our Caterpillar Room.

We hope you will all join us in Welcoming our new members of staff to Westlands Nursery.



### The topics we will be covering at Westlands Nursery are:

**Caterpillar Room** – the children will continue learning through play and sensory activities.

#### Ladybird Room

Week 1 & 2 - Pets

Week 3 & 4 - Zoo Animals

Week 5 & 6 - Farm Animals

#### Butterfly and Bee Room

Week 1 - Elmer

Week 2 - Elmer and Super El

Week 3 - Elmer and The Race

Week 4 - Elmer and Wilbur

Week 5 - Elmer's Special Day

Week 6 - Elmer Again



If there are any other festivals that your family celebrate please let your child's Room Leader know so we can incorporate this in our planning.

### Stay and Play

Our next stay and play day will be held on *Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017.*

The sessions will be as follows:

**10.45 a.m. -11.45 a.m. or 2.30p.m.-3.30p.m.**

Please make sure you let your child's key person know if you are planning on attending either of the sessions.

## Applying for Primary School Places

The deadline for primary school applications for September 2017 is fast approaching. If your child is born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 they need to apply for your child's school place by **16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Parents can apply online by visiting [www.kent.gov.uk/OLA](http://www.kent.gov.uk/OLA).



### Lunches

Children should have an appropriate amount of food for their lunch, featuring a balanced diet.

As a rough guide the children should bring a sandwich or a savoury item (e.g. a sausage roll), some chopped vegetable or fruit segments, a bag of crisps or savoury biscuits, and a yoghurt or small cake.

**Please make sure that if you provide your child with grapes in their lunch box these are cut in half long ways to prevent them being a choking hazard.**

We ask that you do not include sweets, fizzy or sugary drinks in their lunchboxes.

If possible please include a cool block to help keep food fresh.

There is a card on the side of the lunchbox trolley that gives some good ideas for healthy packed lunches, if you would like a copy of this please ask a member of staff.

### Fees

Fees **MUST** be paid on receipt of the invoice. If you are experiencing any problems paying your fees please speak to Caroline or Claire as soon as possible.

### Items of Clothing

Could we also ask that parent/carers makes sure that **ALL** their children's items are named including lunch boxes. We have a selection of lost property items in the lost property bin and if not claimed will be disposed of at the end of each term.



### Toys

Please can children **NOT** bring toys into nursery unless it is a comforter. We would also ask that scooters/bikes etc., are taken home and not left here. We only have limited space and would hate for children's toys to get broken or lost.