



# Spring Term Newsletter

## February 2020 – Spring Term

*"These very children reveal to us the most vital need of their development, saying: 'Help me to do it alone!'"*  
Maria Montessori

Welcome back to the spring term everyone. We are now in full swing with lots going on within the nursery and can't believe that February is upon us already.

We had a superb end to 2019 when we received our Montessori Accreditation Award from the Montessori Education Accreditation Board at The Savoy Hotel in London. The award recognises we continue to offer high quality early years education and care truthful to the Montessori method. We feel very honoured to have been recognised at such a prestigious celebration. 2020 began equally well with our funding bid to Essex County Council for building works being successful. This means we will be able to offer further baby places with a new room being built and, as part of the extension, we will be updating the children and staff toilets.



Miss Lisa is also very pleased as she gets her own office! We are constantly evaluating and auditing what we offer to our families and children and this extension and building updates are part of the nursery's Development Plan. We are expecting an Ofsted inspection this year and we sincerely hope to retain our current Outstanding Ofsted status. Our dedicated staff team certainly deserve it with all the hard work they put in, however, a new Framework came into force in September and since then Outstanding judgements have been significantly fewer. Please be assured we shall endeavour and continue to strive to retain our Outstanding status. Spring feels very near, the sun is shining, finally, and we look ahead for a year full of achievements and lots of fun for everyone at Jelly Beans.

### Blossom Education....

Our new observation software is now fully up and running and we are adding observations all the time to support your child's learning and development. However please bear with us whilst we get adjusted to the new system and ensure all profiles are up to date. If you still haven't received your access email from Blossom please let us know asap so you can access all the great facilities Blossom has to offer. (Please remember to check your junk mail just in case). If you require any further support please don't hesitate to ask and thank you for your support during this transition.



### Names please.....

*Please can we ask that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, especially coats, jumpers, bags, wellies, drink bottles and lunch boxes.*

*Thank you.*



## This Term ....

### In Santa Maria

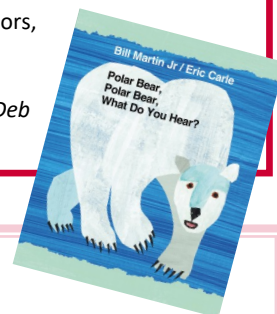
We are all very excited about our new term in Santa Maria room and welcome all our new families that are joining us. We are continuing our theme of 'All about me' and extending our learning with a topic of Winter. The children are really enjoying the variety of textures within our sensory trough especially sand. The children have also been taking part in helping to make the play dough and using their fine motor skills to manipulate it. In addition, we are continuing to show the children the Montessori equipment including the pink tower and some practical life activities. Hopefully you are beginning to see some lovely observations that are being made by staff with your children on our new platform 'Blossom', along with their next steps.

*Miss Sandi, Miss Mel, Miss Bailey and Miss Mimi*

### In St Nicholas

This term we are looking at winter and the cold climate as well as animals and people that help us e.g. doctors, police, fire fighters, etc. We are also continuing to listen to ballet music and dancing—this term its Alice in Wonderland. Our book of interest is Polar Bear, Polar Bear, what do you hear

*Miss Poppy, Miss Emma, Miss Tara and Miss Deb*



## Staff Changes

We welcome Miss Natalie to the Jelly Beans team. Natalie has nearly 10 years of experience in child care and has taken the post of SEN assistant. We are so pleased to have Miss Natalie on the team and she has already made a great impact within the St Nicholas room.

We also welcome Miss Danni who initially joined us as a student and is now a key member of our bank staff and works at all 3 of our sites.

An opportunity has arisen within our Open Air Pre-school which Miss Tara has decided to take up so we wish Tara lots of happiness with the Open Air team. No doubt we will still be seeing her at the day nursery from time to time.

In January we said a sad farewell to Miss Lorna who supported Jelly Beans as a member of bank staff. She will be greatly missed but we hope she enjoys spending more time with her grandchildren.

### Illness.....

We would like to re-emphasise once again the necessity of keeping children at home if they are unwell. Many children are being brought in with Antibiotics and Calpol due to illness/High temperatures. We do ask that you refrain from bringing your children in for at least 48 hours after their first dose of antibiotics to ensure they don't have a reaction and not returning to nursery when they are still unwell. In addition the same applies to contagious infections such as Conjunctivitis. Staff are also at risk of catching these illnesses or contagious infections which a child may bring into the nursery so can we please ask that children remain home until they are better. Thank you for your co-operation in the meantime..

Please remember to bring some fruit for our fruit baskets.



Don't forget that Jelly Beans is a No Nut and No Egg Zone!



### Contact details.....

If you have recently moved house or had any change in your contact details please do let us know. Thank you.

*Thank you for your ongoing support*

01702 200209 [sandra.jellybeansmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.jellybeansmontessori@gmail.com)

**A note from Miss Lisa in the office:** Please note that my office hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm during term time. If you need any assistance please try and contact me within these times. Thank you.

01702 200209/lisa.jellybeansmontessori@gmail.com