

## Singleton - Schoolhouse Daycare Spring 2017

### Dates for your Diary

- Good Friday open @ 7-5
- Easter Bank holiday Monday- closed
- Easter play scheme opens 29<sup>th</sup> march and will end Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.
- Parents evening- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

### Staff Information

We would like congratulate Chloe Webb on finding out she is having a baby boy, she is due on 28th July.



We would also like to congratulate Amy Phillips, Ffion Williams and Sian Davies on completing their level 5, Well Done.

We would like to welcome 2 new starters Rhian Passmore and Naomi Vodden to the under twos team and Angela Gomez who has transferred from the kitchen, also Emma guy and Emma Parmiter to the over 2s team.

We would also like to welcome Karen Russ our new cook to the kitchen to work alongside our other cook Karen Morgan.

Jade Osborn our manager has sadly left us and we wish her all the luck for the future, Sian Davies will now be taking over from Jade as the nursery manager.

### Health & Safety

#### Quick note to parents-

Please do not let other parents in to the building for security reasons a member of staff will be with you asap. Also can parents be aware of their speed when driving in and out of the car park,  
Thank You

### Thank you's

We would like to thank all of our parents for your continuing support throughout the year.

From all the children and staff at Singleton day nursery, we would like to wish you a happy Easter.



### FAQ's

If you are giving dates for upcoming months please can you make sure that the dates are in before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month as now the invoices are being produced on that date?

Many thanks.



### Section Information

#### Under 2's

We have been very busy welcoming new children and staff in The under 2's and also saying goodbye to the children going to toddlers.

Our last topic we did was counting and transport where we practiced counting 1,2,3 and sang lots of number songs, we also practised names of transport and had lots of fun in the garden with a chalk drawn road and the cars and bikes.

Our new topic is 'the farm'. Where we have made animals to go on our display and used our senses to explore the farm yard environment.

We have also been singing old mc Donald and making the sounds that animals make.

We have had lots of fun taking part in celebrations such as Chinese new year, valentine's day, mother's day and St.Davids day and we are looking forward to getting messy with Easter crafts and making cards to take home.

#### Toddlers

The Toddlers have been very busy with our topic "All creatures Great and Small" over the last few weeks we have been learning about these animals and creatures through a wide range messy and imaginative play as well as real life play experiences such as going on a bug hunt.

We've also really enjoyed joining in and celebrating the many different festivals and special occasions from around the world over the last few weeks such as chinses New Year where we did lots of craft activities and tasted some yummy chinese food. For our next topic we will be learning about "People who help us...."

We really can't wait to get started....

#### Pre-school

The preschool children have also been learning about "All creatures Great and Small" over the last term and have really enjoyed talking and learning about the different animals of the world. The children learned through a range of real life and play experiences including farm and jungle role play areas, story and songs times and painting/drawing animals from both observation and memory.

The children also joined in and celebrated a range of festivals this year including Pancake Day where we made and tasted our own pancakes and St David's Day where we explored our own culture and learned some new Welsh songs and words.

The Preschool children's next topic is "On the Move" where we will be learn about different methods of transport and how our own bodies move...

#### Play scheme

The play scheme children had lots of fun in the February half term where we concentrated on our topic 'around the world'. We did food tasting from different countries such as Thai land, Italy and wales, where the children got to taste a variety of different foods. We also made lots of crafts and took part in messy play activities. For the next holidays we will be concentrating on Easter and spring where the children will take part in an Easter egg hunt, Easter crafts and have lots of fun at our Easter party. We are so excited .

Happy Easter xx



## Things to do at home

### Spring flowers

Here is an activity you can try at home to keep the little ones busy. All you need is paint and a paint brush, scissors, tissue paper and pipe cleaners and your way to go.



## Recipe

### Apple and sultana sponge

Serves 16 children  
Prep time- 15 mins  
Cook time- 35 mins

**Ingredients:** 3 eating apples, peeled and grated 125g melted butter 150g self-raising flour 120g caster sugar 2 tbsp soft brown sugar 50g sultanas ½ tsp ground cinnamon 3 eggs **Method:**



1 Grease a 900g loaf tin, measuring about 22 x 12cm and line the base with baking parchment. Preheat the oven to 180°C/Gas 4. 2 Put all the ingredients in a mixing bowl and beat with a wooden spoon to make a smooth batter. 3 Spoon the mixture into the prepared loaf tin and bake in the oven for 30-35 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean. Remove the cake from the tin and leave it to cool on a wire rack

### Wish Lists

- Spare clothes
- Unwanted dressing up outfits
- Puzzles
- books

### Local Events

#### Plantasia

**Dinosaurs in the Jungle**  
9 Apr 2018 - 13 Apr 2018  
10.30am. 4 sessions per day: 10.30am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.15pm  
Back by popular demand!

#### Swansea Grand Theatre

##### Dear Zoo

15 May 2018 - 16 May 2018  
1.00pm. Tues 1.00pm & 3.30pm. Wed 11.00am & 2.00pm  
Dear Zoo the timeless children's classic book makes its stage premiere.

