

Well what a busy time of year December is!

On behalf of everyone in the Camrose Centre, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We all look forward to continuing our work with you and your children in 2016.

You will all have noticed our new security arrangements. Because the gates to the Toddler base as well as to the 3 and 4 rooms are now locked at all times, staff take it in turns to open them to let children and parents in and out. We all feel that it has improved even further the existing security of your children. If no one is 'on the gate' when you get here, then please ring the bell. However, we hope that you will appreciate that staff will be attending to your children, so they may not be able to get to the gate straightaway.

From January 2016, we would like to ask parents dropping off and collecting children at 9.00 & 11.30am and at 12.45 & 3.15pm to wait in Reception until 5 minutes before pick-up time. From January - for security reasons - we will lock the external doors when it gets dark. Please ring the buzzer for our receptionist to open the doors.

The toddler garden has had a new play surface, so if you have a child in those rooms, do pop out and have a look. Alternatively you will be able to see it on our Facebook page in due course.

Please do make sure that your children are dressed to play, so that they can explore inside as well as outside, run around, climb on the climbing frames, paint, play in the sand and many other 'messy' activities without any worries about damaging their clothes.



Anette Whitehouse—Head of Centre

3 & 4 year Old Children

To gain a school place for your child from September 2016, please apply online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions by 15 January 2016. For more information call 01604 236 599 or e-mail admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Good News about Funding

I am delighted to let you know that a specific budget, which contributes to the funding of all aspects of the Centre was approved by the Northamptonshire Schools Forum again this December.

This means that the Centre and its children will be able to continue to benefit from it during the next financial year, i.e. from April 2016 to March 2017.

Our New Website

Its been months in the developing, but we can finally announce our new website is ready for viewing!!
Please have a look at

www.camrose.org.uk
Any feedback would be welcome.



our Facebook page:
[Camrose-Early-Years-Centre
-for-Children-Families](https://www.facebook.com/Camrose-Early-Years-Centre-for-Children-Families)

Your Children's Learning and Development

Play is absolutely essential for young children to learn and develop. Through play, children gain language skills, their emotions and creativity, social and intellectual skills. For most children their play is natural and spontaneous, although some children may need extra help. Play takes place indoors and outdoors and in these different areas children explore and discover their immediate world. They practise new ideas and skills, they take risks, show imagination and solve problems on their own and - as they grow – together with others. The role that adults have is crucial. Adults provide time and space as well as resources. These might include clothes, boxes, buckets, old blankets, toys, games and activities that will inspire play and fire children's imaginations. They observe play and join in when invited, they watch and listen carefully before they get involved. They let the children lead in play. They value play and give children safe and challenging environments and activities that support and extend learning and development.

When children start a place here at the Camrose Centre, we talk with parents about their children's learning and development so far. We talk about the care that their children need and their routines at home. We find out what their children like. We observe the children's learning and development, which enables us to plan the right activities for them. This means that they are supported with the next stages of their development. We then work with the children through their play to encourage, help and support their learning. We have regular parent consultations, and we work with parents to do the progress checks with our 2 year olds.

The children's learning and development is tracked, so that each child has his or her own unique learning journey. That allows us to analyse all the children's learning journeys in the different areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).



We report regularly on children's learning and development to our Governing Body. Then all of this information is written up in the Centre's Self-Evaluation Form (SEF), which is one of the first documents that Ofsted inspectors look at the outset of inspections.

At this time of year, there is so much to talk with children about, and here are some '*TIPS FOR TALKING*':

Get your child's attention by saying his/her name before you start speaking

Make sure your child looks at and listens to you

Talk about things that your child is really interested in

Give your child time to respond - and quietly look at them while you wait

Understanding others and knowing what to say are really important skills for learning and for life. They help children to make friends, learn and enjoy life to the full.

If you want any more information about any aspect of children's learning and development, please talk with your child's keyworker, with the Senior Practitioners, Diane Berrie, Diane Matthews, Kath Berry and Angie Howes or with any of the senior staff, i.e. Julie Harrison, Jo Domingo or Anette Whitehouse.

Please look out for more information about the EYFS in the next Newsletter.



Dates for your Diary



Centre closes:	Thursday 24 December 2015, 6.00pm
Centre opens for daycare places:	Monday 4 January 2016
Centre opens for funded places:	Wednesday 6 January 2016
Centre closes for funded places:	Friday 12 February 2016
Centre opens for funded places:	Monday 22 February 2016
Centre closes:	Tuesday 22 March 2016, 6.00pm
Centre closed for staff training:	Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March 2016
Centre closed for bank holidays:	Friday 25 and Monday 28 March 2016
Centre opens for daycare places:	Tuesday 29 March 2016
Centre opens for funded places:	Monday 4 April 2016