



# Nursery

Newsletter to parents

Spring Term 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Nursery! We hope you and your children had a lovely Christmas and New Year, and are looking forward to the exciting half-term that lies ahead.

## TOPIC

Our topic for this half-term is "Winter". We have some lovely activities planned for the next few weeks, including exploring hot and cold, the weather (hopefully with some real snow!), and looking after animals in the winter.

Our books for this topic include "The Magic Sky" and "Lost and Found", both of which will be available for the children to take home to share with you if they would like.



## LEARNING JOURNEYS

We hope that you have had a chance recently to look at your child's Learning Journey. They are a lovely record of their achievements and progress. If you have not been able to do this, we would like to invite you to a special Learning Journey sharing session on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please come at 11am (for Morning Nursery) or 3.00pm (for Afternoon Nursery), when your child will be serving refreshments to you as you share their books with them.

Thank you for all the wonderful Christmas Magic Moments sheets, and don't forget to take one of our 'Nursery Stars' to share your child's news from home.



## PARENT ROTAS

Our new **Parent Rotas** will shortly be displayed on the Nursery window. Please sign up if you are able to pop in for a session. Your help will be greatly appreciated, whether you enjoy playing with the children or carrying out some preparation jobs for us (there is always plenty to do!). The children will really enjoy your company. For these one-off sessions, there is no need to complete a Police Check (DBS) form, although if you come in more frequently, you will need to fill out a form (available from the office). We are sorry, but we cannot accommodate younger siblings during the sessions.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Informal meetings about your child's progress and development will take place during the school day, on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. We will be sending out a letter regarding appointment times closer to the date.

## PE

This term the Nursery children will continue to have a **PE session on a FRIDAY**. **Children should come in on Fridays in their school polo shirt and sweatshirt, jogging bottoms and shoes or trainers (velcro fastenings if possible please - laces take forever!)**. Socks and shoes are removed for PE so please ensure that all clothes are named. Some of the children are getting very efficient at taking their shoes and socks off and putting them back on again, so keep up the practising at home! For health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or taped over.

The children have now settled in to the Nursery routines. As we help them to become more self-sufficient and independent, we would like to encourage you to try and say your goodbyes at the main Nursery door, encouraging your child to do their coat, bag and name by themselves. Staff are always on hand to help, if required, and the children are always very proud of being able to do this.

## TOYS

Could we please ask that you do not allow your child to bring in toys from home, as this can cause upset for others who want to share them, and we cannot be responsible for loss or damage.

## READING BOOKS

Regular reading to and sharing books with your child is absolutely vital for **all** areas of their development, and at school we do everything we can to encourage a love of reading. We will continue to change reading books as a class on Tuesdays and Fridays. However, should your child wish to change their book between these times, there is always a stock in our Reading Area that you can choose from.



Thank you all for your contributions to the Nursery - they are extremely welcome and incredibly valuable, enabling us to ensure your child has a range of appetising snacks and exciting enhancements to enjoy during their time with us.

Half-term is from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February, with an inset day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that this term ends on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March for both Morning and Afternoon Nursery children. **There is no Nursery on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

As always, please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns. We are all looking forward to many exciting weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely

The Nursery Team