



Nursery

Newsletter to parents

Autumn Term I 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A very warm welcome to Nursery! I hope you and your children had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the exciting first half-term that lies ahead.

TOPIC

This half term our topic is OURSELVES. During the first few weeks we will be getting to know the children and helping them to make lots of new friends. We will be settling them into our Nursery routines, helping them to gain confidence coming into school, and to have a happy time exploring, playing and learning in their new environment.

As part of our topic the children will be learning about families, birthdays and special occasions. Later in the term, we will be learning about Harvest and looking at 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will be sharing lots of stories together, and this half term will particularly focus on the books 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Owl Babies'.



We understand that your child may need to have a comforter with them in the first few weeks, but we ask that they stay in book-bags unless needed to keep them safe. We sometimes ask children to bring in items from home related to our topics, but unless this is the case, could we please ask the children to keep their lovely toys at home - we have plenty of wonderful things for them here.

LEARNING JOURNEYS

Every child in Nursery has their own Learning Journey. This is a record of their achievements and progress, and will include photos, observations and recorded comments. These will be left in marked boxes in the Nursery Foyer for you to look at whenever you get a chance. The children love to share them with you.

We are always delighted to share your children's achievements outside school. In the Nursery foyer you will find some 'Nursery Stars'. Please feel free to take one of these to share your child's news - whether it is swimming in the big pool for the first time or trying a new food. These can be added to and form a valuable part of their Learning Journey.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

To enable us to purchase cooking ingredients, special snack time treats and extra resources to enhance the children's learning we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week. There is a plastic money box just inside Nursery door. Thank you in advance.

PE

This term the Nursery children will have a **PE session on a FRIDAY**. Children should come in on **Fridays in their school polo shirt and sweatshirt, jogging bottoms/leggings and shoes or trainers (velcro fastenings if possible please)**. These do not have to be in school colours. Plimsolls are not required as socks and shoes are removed for PE- so please ensure that all clothes are named! For health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or taped up.

LIBRARY BOOKS

The children can choose and bring home a library book every day to share with you. We do this as a class on Tuesdays and Fridays, but they are free to change their books whenever they wish. They usually let us know if they haven't shared it with you and wish to keep the same book overnight. This is absolutely fine.



Finally, could we remind you that children may be dropped off from 8.30am to 8.45am for the morning session or 12.30pm to 12.45pm for the afternoon session. During these first 15 minutes we have our fine motor skills activities set up, so please try to arrive as promptly as possible so that the children have the opportunity to really explore these vital resources. As register is taken at 9.05am and 1.05pm, any child arriving after these times will need to be taken to the School Office to be registered.

Collection from Nursery is from 11.15am to 11.30am, after which time Nursery staff have their lunch. It is a quick turnaround for us to get set up for our afternoon session, so we thank you in advance for prompt collection. Collection for the afternoon children is from 3.15pm to 3.30pm. For these first few weeks, we recommend a prompt collection for the children when possible, as they can become upset when they see their friends leaving.

Finally, the most important thing is that your child is happy at school and has fun while they are learning. 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