



Newsletter



November 2016

Teaching and Learning

Welcome back to a new half term where we will be continue to settle children in so that they feel happy, secure and confident in their environment. We will work around areas that encourage children's curiosity and desire to know 'how the world works' as well as following children's own particular interests. We will explain to you what we are doing and how this supports your child's learning - please see the planning displayed outside each classroom. Feel free to ask members of staff about how the experiences and activities on offer support children's growing independence and develop particular skills such as speaking and listening, cooperative play and building and maintaining relationships. Staff work in partnership with children, skillfully and sensitively interacting to support and develop their learning. We also plan 'adult focused' activities for small groups and individuals to support particular learning outcomes which provide a focus for both adult planned activities and for enhancements to our continuous provision. Children have access to both indoor and outdoor areas, and can move freely between classrooms. Don't forget to take home your copy of the rhyme of the week to share and enjoy.

The temperature in the classrooms can be variable in winter, particularly as we have free flow access to outside. Please ensure that your child is wearing warm clothes. Gloves and hats for outdoors are essential - please ensure that they are labelled with your child's name. We find that the old fashioned gloves on elastic are best for keeping a pair together!

Parent/carer consultations

We are pleased to be able to offer consultations for all children on the dates below. Notices will be displayed outside each classroom, please mark your name against a time slot. This is a valuable opportunity to share your child's Record of Achievement and have time to talk to their teacher.

Nursery 1 with Julie Bissett

Wednesday 9th November (PM), Friday 11th November (AM) and Tuesday 15th November (PM)

Nursery 2 with Ian Tothill (for Monday to Wednesday children)

Monday 14th November (PM) and Tuesday 15th November (AM)

Nursery 2 with Jayne Taylor (for Wednesday to Friday children)

Thursday 17th November (PM) and Friday 18th November (AM)

Nursery 3 with Jan Vekaria

Wednesday 9th November (AM) and Thursday 10th November

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Volunteers required



Could you spare a couple of hours to help wrap the books that the children receive from Father Christmas? We supply the wrapping paper, selotape, tea/coffee and biscuits. Please let Reception know if you can help. Many thanks from Father Christmas

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Parent/carers volunteering in Nursery School

We welcome and support volunteers to help run our school provision. Volunteering can have many benefits for example meeting new people, gaining valuable skills and confidence, improving self-esteem as well as leading to further training and/or qualifications. As a volunteer you decide on how much time you are able to give and which times would like to work. It may be better for your child if you are placed in an alternative class as sometimes it can be confusing. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Chris or Jayne. All volunteers must have a DBS check to comply with safeguarding requirements - this is free of charge and the school can help with the application process.

Dates to remember

Fluoride varnish sessions



The parent/carer authorisation session will be held on Wednesday 2nd November in the sensory room. The application will be carried out during Nursery sessions on Wednesday 9th November.

Wednesday 16th November 2015



Come to school with your favourite teddy bear and wear spots. We will be holding a cake sale and all donations would be greatly received. Please help to make this a successful event and raise lots of money for Children in Need.

Christmas parties for Nursery School



Tuesday 13th December (AM) Monday to Wednesday and morning children and **Thursday 15th December (PM)** for Wed to Friday and afternoon children. Signs will go up outside each classroom with details nearer the event asking for your support with catering.



On **Wednesday 14th December** children will be encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper as part of ITV text Santa appeal that suggests £1 donation per child to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer and Make-A-Wish.

We close for Christmas on **Friday 16th December**

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and our best wishes for a happy new year.

Tuesday 3rd January ~ training day

Wednesday 4th January ~ home visits

School reopens for returning children on Thursday 5th January 2017

