



Newsletter



November 2015

Teaching and Learning

Our main focus this term will be to continue to settle children in so that they feel happy, secure and confident in their new 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/carers 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

Tuesday 17th November (AM), Wednesday 18th November (AM),
Friday 20th November

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

Monday 16 November and Tuesday 17th November (PM)

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

Wednesday 18th November (PM)

Nursery 3 with Jan Vekaria

Thursday 19th November

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



Please could we ask that if you are waiting in the Reception area you and your child (ren) stand well away from the electronic doors. Whilst the doors are fitted with sensors, they are not always sensitive enough to know that a child may be in close proximity and they may open or close quickly and a child become trapped. Thank you.



If you find that you are struggling with potty training, please speak to your staff team. We are happy to offer any support and advice that we can, and will work in partnership with you. Some children take longer than others and every child is different - please let us know if we can help in any way.

Dates to remember



Wednesday 11th November 2015

Come to school with your favourite teddy bear. Cake sale - all donations 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 15th December (AM) Monday to Wednesday and morning children and **Thursday 17th 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.

The children who stay for lunch will enjoy a Christmas lunch on either **Tuesday 8th** or **Thursday 10th December**



On **Wednesday 16th December** children will be encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper as part of ITV text Santa appeal that suggests £1 per child to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer and Make-A-Wish.

We close for Christmas on **Thursday 17th December** as on Friday 18th December we have a training day. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and our best wishes for a happy new year.

Monday 4th January ~ training day

Tuesday 5th January ~ home visits

School reopens to children on Wednesday 6th January