

Nursery School November Newsletter



Dear Parents and families,

Welcome back! We trust you have all had a safe and enjoyable well-deserved break, and a not too spooky Halloween. It's been great to have your little ones back with us this week and get stuck back into learning!

It was a pleasure speaking to our parents and guardians on the phone for our parent teacher meetings. Thank you for taking the time to talk with us about your child and their settling in – we appreciate your support and cooperation immensely and recognize the positive contribution this makes to your child's development. We take this opportunity to remind you, you are most welcome to get in touch with us at any time if you wish to discuss your child.

Our Theme for November

We had a great time exploring our 'Autumn' theme during the month of October and will now be moving onto the theme of 'Pets and Wild Animals. Please find attached the November Focus for more information, including how to support your child as they begin their next learning topic.

Road Safety Week 14th – 21st November

We will be celebrating road safety week in school from the 14th – 21st November. We will be reminding children of the importance of wearing a seatbelt, using their car seats, being seen by cars (especially in the darker weather!) and holding an adults hand when crossing roads/in carparks etc. Please use this opportunity to talk to your child about road safety.

School Photographer – 19th November

The school photographer will be attending our school on 19th November. More details on this to follow on Family app.

Snack Rota

Attached you will find our new snack rota for the week commencing the 8th November. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our snack scheme – your participation is hugely appreciated and the children really enjoy having tasty fruit and trying new flavors.

Winter Clothing

As we are now coming into the colder weather, please teach your child to put on/ take off their own coat, hat and mittens. This assists greatly in our daily routines and is a good independence skill for your child to acquire. Children must bring a coat to Nursery every day as we hope to be outside whenever possible.

Odd Socks Day – Monday 15th November

As part of a range of initiatives school will be carrying out to mark Anti Bullying Week 15th-19th November, we are asking the children to come to school in odd socks on Monday 15th November. The idea behind the initiative is that we are all different/ unique and these differences are to be celebrated and that it is very ok not to be the same.

News

As part of our language development children will be beginning News time in school. The news rota showing your child's allocated slot is attached. As it is part of Personal, social and emotional development we encourage your child to bring any item they like (as long as it's small!) whether this be a favourite toy, photograph of a memory or other item that is important to them. Please send the item in a plastic or paper bag with their name on it. The children will have an opportunity to present and discuss their item at carpet time. You can encourage your child by supporting their language development through prompting with questioning.

Nursery Fund

We thank you for your contributions to our Nursery Fund. Without your weekly Nursery Fund donation, we will not be able to provide all we would wish to enrich your child's Nursery experience. Your contribution enables us to provide many essentials and extras for your child such as unique experiences, practical resources and educational trips to name but a few. Nursery fund is £4 per week but many payment options are available and can be paid weekly, monthly or termly.

Please do not put the staff in the uncomfortable position of asking for your contribution. We consider it only fair that all families make equal contribution. We thank you so much for your contributions thus far, and hope you continue to support us in this way.

School Uniform

Please ensure **ALL** items of clothing (coats, sweatshirts, shoes etc.) are clearly labelled with the child's name.

Big Bedtime Read

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our big bedtime read and made it such a success. It was great to see children (and adults!) dressed up and get involved and make invaluable memories with your child. We appreciate your support immensely as without you these events could not take place.

Foyer

As I am sure you have noticed from the signage on the door, we are no longer permitted to have parents/carers in the foyer area due to Covid and safeguarding regulations. We appreciate your support and co-operation in abiding by these guidelines.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Just a reminder of our child protection and safeguarding team. I myself (Niamh McLaughlin), am designated child protection officer trained as are all members of the management team (Angela, Andrew, Leanne, Laura). There is a designated officer on site **at all times** and we are available to contact through our telephone number (028 9334 2191) and through the Family app should you ever have any queries or concerns. Please remind your child if they are at all worried about anything they can approach any member of our staff at any time who will be happy to help and support them. All staff are both safeguarding and first aid trained.

Thank you for your continued support - we hope to continue to have a fun filled and learning packed term!

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