



Nursery News

Autumn 1 Update



Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your child have enjoyed the half term so far, it has been a very busy first few weeks with many more exciting upcoming events. Children continue to adapt and settle into new routines and expectations, staff are continuing to support children with their growing independence in and around the Nursery, their ability to share toys and encourage the use of kind hands. Children are adapting well to expectations in these early days which are hard for children with long periods in Nursery and they become tired, also in light of the impact of COVID in the past few months. We thank you for your support with this.

We would just like to provide you with dates for upcoming events.

* **Wednesday 21st October;** Halloween party during your child's usual session. Children can come dressed as they wish but we ask for nothing scary. This can include any dress up or your child's favourite party clothing.

* **Monday 2nd November;** Return to Nursery

We will provide further information in due course regarding our usual 'Parents as Partners' session which happen in November. These will more than likely be telephone appointments and information shared over Seesaw.



Name Labels

We would ask that children have all coats, hats, cardigans, jumpers and shoes labelled. As children are managing their self-care more independently we would ask that you ensure labels are clearly visible in all of your child's uniform to help your child, as many of the children have the same sized clothing. We would also ask that you support with children's independent skills and encourage them to begin to dress themselves, put on and take off their own shoes as well as helping with their coats. This will really support them in Nursery.



Toileting

As children settle into Nursery we will have toilet accidents as often children are absorbed in their play. Staff continue to prompt children and support them in their self-care. We ask that parents could send in spare clothing for children to be left in their tray. If your child has an accident we will let you know at pick up and will place their wet things into a bag.



Dropping Off and Collection

We would like to remind parents to arrive from 8.50am onwards for a morning session and not before and again from 12.20pm onwards for an afternoon. This is so the walkway up to Nursery and the office does not become congested. We would also ask that children stay with adults in the line due to other families passing the line. Thank you for your cooperation.



Passwords

We would ask that family members who collect children are aware of the password set during induction. This is the safest way to ensure that children are handed to the correct person whilst we begin to recognise faces.

Birthdays

We have a nut allergy in Nursery this year and to ensure safety of children we are asking if you choose to send in something for a birthday it is **sweets only or a cake which does not contain any traces of nuts**. These must be shop bought and sealed so that we can wipe down packaging with COVID restrictions in place currently.



Family Wish

We would also ask that those of you who have not yet sent in 'My Family's Wish for Me' please do so as staff have left a space for this in your child's Learning Journey. This sheet was given to you via post prior to September. If you have misplaced this please see staff for another copy.

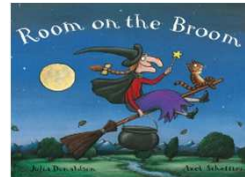


Nursery Halloween Party

We will provide snacks for the party using Nursery fund so that dietary requirements are catered for. Children will have a hot dog in a bun (quorn sausages will be offered to those children who are vegetarian) and a Halloween chocolate crispy cake. We serve juice however milk and water are available as well. **We would appreciate if you could send 50p in to cover costs** Your child can come dressed however they choose but we ask nothing scary. If any parents have any queries please send these via Seesaw.

Autumn Learning

We have started plans to update Nursery provision in response to children's interests since you visited four weeks ago. We have key texts we are using and learning activities are linked to these to help put learning into a context. We are using the stories Leaf Man, Pumpkin Soup and Room on the Broom over the next three weeks. We have fantastic activities such as nature walks, colour mixing, baking with apples, making pumpkin soup, making puppets and many more. Learning Journals are filling up fast! We will continue to update you using Seesaw about what children have been up to so that this is a starting point for you to discuss your child's day with them.



Seesaw

We would like to remind parents about using Seesaw our online learning source. This has been a fantastic way that we can provide you with daily updates about what is happening in Nursery. We would encourage you to send any queries via this rather than at drop off and pick up due to staggered entry and COVID restrictions. As the year progresses we will be using this more to provide home learning activities for families to enjoy.

Nursery Fund

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to Nursery Fund this half term. Winter warming snacks will start to become available as the weather turns colder on set days – please check Seesaw to see daily updates on snack choices for the day.



Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so and we really appreciate your contributions as do the children! A few parents have asked how to do this and we ask that you send this in via a sealed envelope.



We would like to express our sincere thanks for all of your support as it really does make the difference to the children.

Mrs Bell, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Hewson, Mrs Brewerton, Miss Cook, Mrs Groser, Mrs Nicholson and Miss Dunn