

Nursery Newsletter

Week beginning 11th September 2017:

A very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us this term and also to familiar faces too. The autumn term is always a busy and long term with many exciting topics to enjoy and explore. The children are already getting to know the enthusiastic team of teachers and especially their key teachers.

Most children are confident to come into the classrooms and any tears are short-lived. Since the children are beginning to develop friendships, we would like to encourage parents to arrange play dates outside school. Class lists will be handed out next week and the teachers are more than happy to let you know of your child's special friends at school.

Timetable outlines and a comprehensive list of diary dates will be handed out this week with all the upcoming events for this term. This information is also on our website.

We will be sending out a weekly newsletter by email so please do let me know if your contact details have changed.

Free-flow Plan

The teachers will post the weekly free-flow plan on the noticeboard in the glass cabinet outside the school. This will inform you of the activities taking place that week and enable you to prompt your child when talking about their daily activities at school. Please do check the notice board regularly.

Start and End of the School Day

The nursery gate will be open between 8.45 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. each day. Your child should be in nursery by 9.15 a.m. at the latest to ensure they have access to free-flow play and any activities which have been planned for the morning. During the first couple of weeks you are welcome to come into the classroom with your child and settle them into an activity, however please remember children do settle much faster if farewells are kept brief. If your child is not staying for lunch, dismissal is at 12 p.m. The Upper Nursery children are dismissed from Mrs Andrea's classroom. Children should be collected at 3 p.m. if staying for the afternoon session.

Parent Communication

This week your child will come home with a comment book. Each week your child will be given a weekly target as well as information about what they have enjoyed/achieved that week at Nursery. With the aim of providing strong communication links between staff and parents, the comment book provides you with an opportunity to have an open and regular dialogue with your child's key teacher. It would be useful if you could write a little about what your child has been doing at home, what their interests are and any other information that you feel would be useful for us to know. Please note that the Comment Book should ideally be shared with any other carer your child may be looked after by e.g. a childminder. The Comment Books are aimed to enhance communication between home and Nursery but do not replace the important verbal communication the team has with you. We

do pride ourselves on having good partnerships with parents and operate an 'open door' policy. If you have written a message in the book could you please hand it in to your key teacher. Could we please ask parents to check their child's book bag regularly.

Going Home Book

If your child is going home with someone other than the designated person could you please let us know by writing it in the Going Home book which will be kept at the gate. Please be reminded the password will also be required if the teachers do not know the person.

Snack time

In order to promote healthy eating, we offer fruit as well as biscuits at snack times. The children are encouraged to make their own choice but are closely monitored to ensure a balance is achieved. We would be extremely grateful if your child could bring in a piece of fruit each morning to be placed in our fruit basket for the teachers to prepare. This system is working very well and we would like to thank parents for their continued support. We also offer milk daily and water is always readily available to the children. Please note we have removed grapes from our list.

Lunch

If your child stays for lunch could we please remind you of our 'no nuts' policy. We also request that cherry tomatoes are cut in half. If your child needs cutlery for lunch please supply them with named individual cutlery.

Class Reps

It is always a pleasure to see parents and children organising play dates and extending their home life to welcome new friends. We have Class Representatives for both Lower and Upper Nursery classes whose role is to organise coffee mornings and social events. Our volunteers for the Upper Nursery are Mrs Fleming and Mrs Lloyd-Evans and for the Lower Nursery Mrs Sheikh. We still need another volunteer for the Lower Nursery. If you would like to take on the role please could you contact me.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and Mrs Gabriella (Head of Nursery Schools) and I are always happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lisa

Nursery Manager

Here are just some of the highlights from our first week at school.

The Lower Nursery are already exploring the garden, making friendships and having great fun with our new 'music wall'.



The girls were going to the seaside at lunch time in 'Punteney'! They created their own train to take them there. Mrs Lea commented how confident and enthusiastic the Upper Nursery children were during their dance/drama session this week. They have also been experimenting with slime.

