

# Nursery Newsletter

## 27th September 2023



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### Welcome from our Head of Nursery



It is the right of every child in the Early Years to, without exception, have the time of their lives. This is what we endeavour to do for each and every one of your children. It has been a privilege to support and observe the children begin to own their space, practice autonomy and establish relationships that have the potential to be life long.



We are a family, a community, an ecosystem. Everyone matters including you, the children's significant adults and your families. To work collaboratively with you all, to settle the children has been powerful and effective. It is evident that your presence and love has significantly softened this exciting, yet daunting step for you young children.

We are enthralled and grateful for the year ahead and all the pockets of joy and discovery it holds.



### Start and Finish Times

We open our doors at 8:50am at the start of each day. Moving forward, as all children are now enrolled, children will be welcomed independently of parents. This does not mean that you are locked out! There will be many occasions throughout the Nursery

year when we will extend a warm invitation for you to join us.

### **End of day**

Door opens at 3.10pm

Can we respectfully ask families to stand back from the door at this time, this makes it easier for us to see and safely get the children to their adult. Children must only leave when called by a member of staff. We need to make certain of each child's safe dismissal. Thank you for your patience.

### **Lunch and ordering in advance on School Grid**



To order your child's lunch you must have completed / returned the

School Grid form in your starter pack. We have spare sheets if necessary. Each week, please make your menu choices at home so you can help your child choose a varied diet. **It helps our catering team greatly if menu choices can be made in advance. Thank you for your assistance with this. It also assists children's learning and experience if the time organising lunches is minimal.**

### **Names on belongings**



Please can you ensure that all items of uniform, outdoor clothing, shoes, water bottles and lunch bags are clearly marked with your

child's name. It is impossible to reacquaint children with cardigans / jumpers if they are unnamed. Thank you for help with this!

### **£5 fund**

Each term, we invite families to make a voluntary contribution of £5 to fund additional projects and curriculum enhancements. No need to access ParentPay for this - we are happy to accept cash donations on the door. We intend to inform you of what your money has been used for in our newsletters.

We want to use the first flow to support us in organising a storyteller to spend the day weaving storytelling fun and magic with the children, supporting our early literacy strategy.



### **Tapestry**



We hope you have been able to download the Tapestry app. This will allow you to view your child's online learning journey through photos, videos, commentary and notes. We use Tapestry to capture your child's learning and tag the particular areas that are linked. You can view, like and respond to all our posts and you can

also upload your own observations. Please look out for an email with a Tapestry activation link to start your Tapestry journey.

It is really special and significant to the children when we share photos of their experiences outside of school in class.

### **Milk**



All children under five receive free milk. You must register for your child to access this. Here is the link to our website page, you can sign up [here](#)

### **Spare Clothes Plea**

We are really low on changes of clothes. We would welcome any donations. We specifically need underwear, footwear, trousers and jumpers.

Thank you in advance.

### **Toileting**



We understand that accidents are inevitable at this tender age. Especially when all is new, interesting and we are experiencing big changes. We do expect all children to independently use the toilet the majority of the time. If this is not the case, we may need to work together to get to this stage.

### **Reading Books**



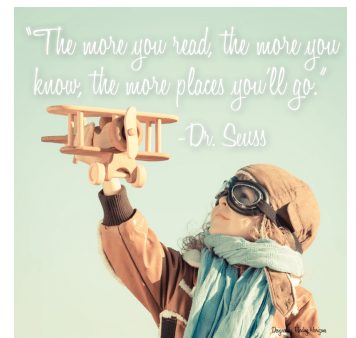
This week, you will receive a new reading diary, letter and two books. The letter details everything about our reading programme for this half term including when we change books. A copy will be emailed to you.

We have more to share with you about reading in Nursery and we will talk to you about all the details during our Curriculum Zoom Session on 27th September.

[Nursery Zoom Link](#)

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Please know that we welcome any and all questions and would recommend that you always speak with one of the team if you need some clarification or have any questions.

Here's to a wonderful week!

Warmly, Emma Holmes, on behalf of the Nursery team.

