

Our Nursery Newsletter



Friday 18th October 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Please be on time at the beginning and end of the session (though the vast majority of children are here at 8.45am/12.15pm and are picked up on time which is great). Attendance is excellent which creates good habits for the children as they go through school life.

The children are becoming really independent and are accessing the snack table themselves, putting their coats on themselves and also taking shoes on and off when going into the sand pit. A small number of children need adult help with their shoes, please make sure the shoes they are wearing they can put on and take off themselves. A reminder that laces are not allowed.

Apologies for the amount of sand your child is bringing home with them at the moment stuck to socks and jogging bottoms. We have just replaced all of the sand in the sand pit. What was previously in was very dry but this is quite damp. Maybe until it has dried out don't put white socks on your child.

Most parents now are able to receive emails from nursery showing photographs of what you child has been doing. Feel free to send a message back or even attach a photograph if you can, this will then be printed and stuck into your child's Learning Journey book. If you are still having trouble accessing this please let me know.

A number of parents have replied to the messages saying what a difference they can hear in their child's use of vocabulary and language generally since starting nursery. This is a big focus so it was great to hear you can see the impact so quickly.

School uses a speech and language programme called WellComm. All children have been assessed as to their level of speech and language. Using this and from observations made whilst your child is playing activities are planned to ensure progress is made for your child whatever their starting point. I will speak to you individually to make you aware of what we are working on specifically with your child to support their speech and language development. As you are aware the use of dummies and bottles can cause issues with how your child's speech is developing. Lauren (the health promotion worker from Stoneycroft Childrens Centre will be doing a session with us in December based on this).

If you do have any concerns over this or with toilet training your health visitor is the person to speak to or feel free to speak to one of the nursery staff.

Nappies are not to be worn in nursery due to us being a school nursery we do not have the facilities to change children who are wearing a nappy. For the very few children who are nearly but not quite toilet trained please use pullups.

Many thanks to the children for welcoming two more "little ones" this week (who will be staying in nursery next year as they have only just turned 3). It is amazing to see the older children who have only been with us themselves for a couple of weeks show the new children where everything is and the rules and routines on nursery.

Friendship has been one of our themes over this past half-term. There is a display of photographs in the corridor outside nursery if you get the chance to see it. We have talked about how to be a friend and it is obvious from seeing snapshot photographs of the children playing so many lovely friendships have been made.

Nursery Staff