

Our Nursery Newsletter



Dear Parents / Guardians,

4th October 2019

Welcome to the first Nursery Newsletter of the school year. The children have settled in really well and it is lovely to see new relationships being made.

A big focus in Nursery is 'Being Healthy'. This will cover healthy eating and drinking and things we can do to keep ourselves healthy eg brushing our teeth, washing our hands after going to the toilet, getting enough sleep, exercising and so on. We were fortunate to have the Health Promotion Worker from Stonecroft Children's Centre working with the children making healthy snacks using fruit and yoghurt. The children were really careful whilst chopping and slicing the fruit they wanted to use.

Our Big Book this week was "I like the rain". Ask your child to tell you what it was about and can they tell you what "**hail**" is?

Specific vocabulary we have been using is-**afternoon, autumn, chilly, healthy, morning, spring, summer** and **winter**. Encourage your child to use these words at home if you can.

For those who are new to our Nursery a typical day begins at 8:45am (morning) and 12:45pm (afternoon) with the register and a short teaching session on the carpet in the quiet area, the children then go into the nursery environment choosing to play indoors or outdoors. Snack is available on the snack table throughout the session and we stop midpoint through the morning/afternoon, sit together and have something to drink as some children are so busy playing they forget to refuel! This time is also used as a second whole class teaching time. The children then return to their playing until it is time to tidy in readiness for the end of the session. Before the children go home we have a chat about what the children have enjoyed and sing some songs or have a story. Snack money is £1.00 per week. Please place all contributions in the little yellow box on the table on the right as you come in and place a tick next to your child's name to signal that you have paid.

Children do not need to bring a water bottle to school as water/milk is available throughout the day.

Thankyou for your patience at the beginning and end of the session when it is a busy time with children finding their name labels, returning book bags etc. Let your child find their label themselves to encourage independence and this will also help with name recognition.

All your child's clothing needs to be labelled with their name and a reminder that all shoes must be velcro or in a style your child can put on and take off themselves for when they play in the sand pit. No laces are allowed.

Homework will be given out in the next few weeks and is optional. Mostly it will involve a game which will develop your child's speaking and listening or social skills or sometimes something which reflects work done in Nursery that week.

Everyone has been handed the letter concerning applying for a place in Reception next September. I would urge you to do it now as sometimes a place has not been given as the form has been forgotten about. If you need any help completing the online registration the One Stop Shop on Derby Lane will be able to help you. You will need an e-mail address.

Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back in Nursery next week.

Nursery Staff