

Autumn 2023 Nursery Newsletter

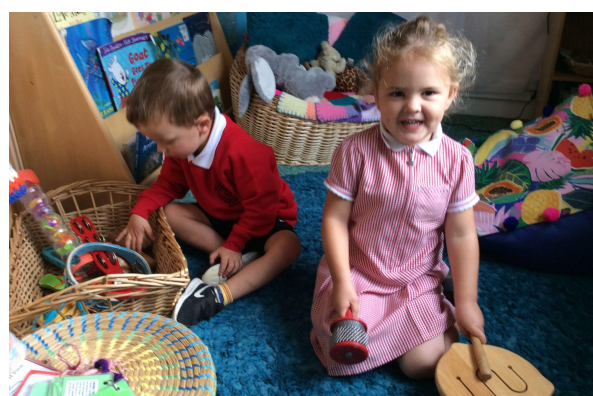


News

It has been lovely to welcome back our returning children over the last few weeks and we have been amazed at how confidently they have come back into nursery. Well done! We would also like to welcome our new children and families into nursery and we are enjoying getting to know them and helping them settle into nursery.

Curriculum

As always we start the term with a focus on the **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** of our children as they settle into nursery, form friendships and learn some new routines and boundaries. Our topic this half term is **Me and my community** and through this we will spend time learning about our families and where we live and also find out about other people's families and cultures. Next half term we are learning about nocturnal animals and hibernation through the topic **Starry Night**.



Communication

We use **Class Dojo** as our main means of communication. Staff will try and post a few photos each week of some of the activities your children are engaged in so you get a flavour of their day at nursery.

You are able to message staff with any questions via the app but please be aware we may not be able to reply until the end of the day!

Funding

If you are claiming **Two year old funding or 30 hour funding** please send the code along with your National Insurance number to our nursery administrator, Katie Towey, katie.towey@alumnismat.org

The **30 hour funding** has to be reapplied for every term, so the deadline for this is **31st December 2023** for Spring funding.

If you would like to check whether you are eligible for any funding please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you have queries relating to your invoice, or funding, please email Katie at katie.towey@alumnismat.org

Consultations and Learning Journals

During the second half of the term we will be holding our parent consultation meetings to discuss how your child has settled in and share some information about our practice at nursery and how you can support your child at home so we can strengthen our parent partnership links.

All children have a **Learning Journey book** which documents their development and progress with us. We will also be asking for your contributions when your child is a '**Focus Child**' next half term and we encourage families to regularly contribute to the journals with examples of artwork, family or holiday photos and comments of things your child has done that you are proud of. These books are a shared record and we love to have lots of parent contributions in them please.



Donations

Each **half term** we ask for a voluntary donation of up to **£5** towards consumable resources please. We have a donation pot which you can pop the money in.

This donation pays for the daily snacks (rice cakes, breadsticks, crackers, marmite) and fruit the children have in the morning and afternoon and all the resources we have to replenish such as... playdough (flour, oil, salt, cream of tartar!), shaving foam, cornflour, cornflakes, oats, pasta, rice,

bubbles, wet wipes, sand, lentils, herbs and spices, spaghetti, food colouring, cooking ingredients etc etc!

Allergies and lunches

We have some children in nursery who have **nut, egg and dairy allergies** so we would like to remind you that we are a **NO NUT** school. Please be mindful of sandwich fillings (no Nutella or Peanut Butter) and check cereal bars for nut content.

School lunches need to be ordered via the new **SchoolMoney** account **the week before** please so the kitchen is able to order in advance. You need to log on to your account ([SchoolMoney login](#)) and select whether your child is having a paid meal or a home packed lunch.



Diary Dates

- **Professional Days - (School and Nursery closed)**
 - **Friday 20th October**
 - **Tuesday 2nd January 2024**
 - **Friday 26th July 2024**

- **Half term - Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October**