

Nursery Newsletter - November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Donations

Thank you for all your donations of cardboard boxes, tubes, cotton wool balls, glue sticks and everything else! We will gratefully receive these donations throughout the year.

Cycle path gates

You should have received a parentmail regarding a change to the way you enter the side gates. This is now controlled by the Nursery staff (from the classroom) when you buzz the entry system. For morning drop off (8.30) and afternoon pick up (3.25) the gate will be automatically unlocked; therefore you do not need to buzz for entry.

For morning pick up (11.30) and afternoon drop off (12.25) it will be locked so you will need to buzz, please see below for how this will work:

11.30 pick-up = the Nursery staff will open the gate at **11.25, please ensure that you are at the gate for this time** so we can let you all in at once. On exit, we also have to release the gate, so please be patient with us as we will also be dismissing the rest of the children.

12.25 drop-off = the Nursery staff will open the gate at **12.20, please ensure that you are at the gate for this time** so we can let you all in at once. You are still welcome to stay until 12.35 if you wish to play with you child in this time but please make sure you are at Nursery for **12.25** as this is the beginning of the afternoon session. On exit, we also have to release the gate, so please be patient with us as we will be settling the children onto the carpet at the same time.

Please hold the gate open for parents who are close behind you.

Topic

This half term the children have chosen 'Celebrations' as our topic. Please see our topic planning board in Butterfly room for more information about what we will be learning.

Stay and play

As the children are now fully settled we would like to invite you to join us for a 'stay and play' session. This is an opportunity for you to experience the Nursery session alongside your child. We will put a calendar by the entrance door for parents/carers to sign up to a session if you wish - please make sure there is only 1 parent per session as it can get very crowded.

Unfortunately we cannot permit siblings to stay and play so grown-ups only please!

We also have lots of jobs and activities for parent volunteers so if you would like to offer some regular support then please speak to Mrs Haxton-Bartlett about arranging this.

Forest school

A reminder that we will be participating in forest school every Wednesday - whatever the weather! Part of forest school learning is experiencing a range of weather and understanding changes in the environment. For safety reasons, the only weather we will not go out in is lightning or high winds. Please ensure that your child comes to Nursery on a Wednesday in their full waterproofs and suitable shoes. We always monitor the children throughout the day and if we feel that they are not enjoying the outdoor learning we will adapt our timetable to suit the children's needs.

Christmas play

You should have all received a note to tell you what character your child will be in our upcoming play. The play is *The Sleepy Shepherd* and we will be starting rehearsals this week. Please supply your child's costume by Monday 26th November - in a named bag with all items labelled. If you are finding it challenging to supply a costume, please speak to a member of the Nursery team so we can help you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Haxton-Bartlett & the Nursery team