

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved rest over the half term holiday. Surprisingly for an October break the weather was delightful and provided plenty of opportunity to be outside enjoying the last of the warm weather!

I am pleased so many parents and carers attended our key worker meetings before half term; I hope they were useful in providing you with some key next steps for learning that the nursery practitioners are working on with your children. Please continue to support your child at home with their homework and activities provided to support their development. If you were unable to attend a key worker meeting please feel free to discuss progress with your child's key worker during drop off or collection times or for a more formal discussion you could always arrange a short meeting with them outside of session times.

This is always a busy half term in the nursery with many exciting events taking place in the run up to the Christmas holiday. Please make regular checks of the nursery calendar on the school website as there will be a number of opportunities for you to attend the nursery and share experiences with your children. We are always looking for parents and family members to volunteer their time in the nursery; please feel free to offer your support in any context you are comfortable – are you a keen storyteller? Or perhaps enjoy outdoor and adventurous activities? Are you a prospective candidate for the Great British Bake off and wish to share some cooking experiences?

Kind regards,
David Livie (Head of School)

Our New Camping Site

You may be aware that we have redeveloped a section of our nursery garden so that we could create a camping and camp fire area. This area will be used all year round as the children make their own soups, broths and cook simple items on the open fire. All activities of this nature will be fully supervised by our Forest School trained practitioners and will provide vital experiences for our children.

Diary Dates

For all diary dates please see the calendar on the school website.

Safeguarding Updates

As important members of our school community we feel parents and carers should be informed of all relevant safeguarding updates and to that end we intend to provide statutory and important safeguarding and child protection updates within each newsletter.

Three primary safeguarding documents that have recently been reviewed are:

Working together to safeguard children (July 2018)

Inspecting safeguarding in the early years, education and skills settings (October 2018)

Keeping children safe in education 2nd revision (September 2018)

Each of these documents are available online or copies are available in the nursery office.

Safeguarding and child protection is the responsibility of everyone not only nursery staff members, so if you have any concerns please raise them responsibly. Effective procedures for raising concerns are indicated throughout the nursery.

Nursery Attendance

Group	WB: 24/09/18	WB: 01/10/18	WB: 08/10/18	WB: 15/10/18
2 am	100%	100%	95%	76%
2 pm	95%	86%	81%	51%
2 full time	94%	96%	89%	98%
3 am	91%	95%	95%	89%
3 pm	85%	91%	87%	93%
3 full time	91%	95%	91%	95%

This Month in Nursery

Children have been learning about the importance of good personal hygiene as they washed, dried and changed the babies.



Others have become architects by discussing, planning, designing and then building their dream homes and builds using different materials and techniques!



Bonfire Night Bonanza

We would like to invite you all to our nursery bonfire night on Monday 5th November 2018
3:30pm – 4:30pm.

Join us for toasted marshmallows, homemade soup, campfire songs, storytelling and face painting!



Winter Weather Warning

Now that the winter is drawing in please ensure that you provide your child with a warm coat, hat and gloves as well as making sure that your child wears suitably warm trousers and footwear to keep them dry; as children will continue to use the outside provision throughout our daily sessions.

For our more messy playground areas we will provide wellington boots and all in one suits but we cannot guarantee that your child will return home as clean as they left; with all of the exciting opportunities we have on offer.