



Rephad Nursery Newsletter



We have now reached the end of the first term - oh, how it's flown in! We hope that the children have enjoyed their first term back as much as we have! Please find below some information around our return in October.



Welly Waddle

We, sadly, had to call off our Welly Waddle which was due to take place on Tuesday, 4th October. After keeping a close eye on the weather, this has now been rescheduled for Monday, 10th October, which looks like a rain-free day (fingers crossed!). Times & groups will remain the same. We are, once again, looking for parent/carer volunteers to help on the day. If you are free and could spare an hour to assist, please make a member of staff aware. Thank you.

All children should now have received their sponsor forms to take home and any donations would be gratefully received so that we can undertake some much needed outdoor renovation. Please hand in forms and donations by 12th October. Many thanks.

Staffing Changes

Mrs Bodle has recently left us to undertake a secondment within Social Work - we are sad to see her go but wish her every success and hope that she will be back with us in a year's time. Replacing her on a fixed term basis will be Miss Leanne McMillan, who will begin her role as Early Years Support Assistant on 16th November.

We also currently have 2 Nursery Nurse posts advertised for recruitment, which close on 7th October, with the hope of carrying out interviews before the October holidays. One of these posts is due to an increase in children's hours this term and the other will cover Miss Gorman whilst she takes a period of leave. Start dates for these posts are yet to be confirmed and once recruitment has been completed, we will update you in regards to new staff joining us.

Learning Experiences

Due to the changes in our environment caused by the start of Autumn, the children have been increasingly interested in the weather and other aspects that Autumn brings. To extend this, we will be focussing on Autumn learning experiences before we break up and for a short while when we return. The main areas that we will focus on are: weather, time, wildlife, calendar events (i.e. Hallowe'en/Bonfire Night). Feel free to touch on these subjects with your child/children at home.



Nursery Achievement Wall



We are continuing to receive pictures from yourselves regarding your children's achievements - it's been so lovely being able to see their interests, hobbies and achievements outside of nursery! Unfortunately, we have not yet received enough to start our 'WOW!' moments display. Please, if your child has achieved

something, big or small, or has a hobby which they enjoy - let us know so that we can celebrate their successes with them! 😊

Hallowe'en Celebrations



We invite all children to come in to nursery in fancy dress for a Hallowe'en themed day on Monday, 31st October (our first day back after the October break). Alternatively, they can wear something black or orange. However, we do ask if children could refrain from any costumes/special FX make-up which may scare others and ask that costumes are also easy to take on/off for the sake of going to the bathroom. We are discouraging props such as masks, brooms, etc in case they get lost or stolen. Please ensure the name all your children's belonging to avoid any mix ups or things getting lost.

Outdoor play will also be available at points throughout the day so please make sure your child is wrapped up well in case they wish to play outside.

Family Sessions

Last Thursday, Miss Jolly & Miss Cleer run out first peep session of year. We received lots of positive responses and as a result of this, we will start to run peep and Bookbug sessions on a regular basis throughout the rest of the year. Dates are listed below on the 'Dates for Your Diary' section.

You can read some parent/carer comments and look at some photographs of your peep session on the parental engagement board in the main reception.

Everyone is free to attend these sessions as often as they'd like. Numbers at peep will be limited to ensure adequate staffing to support activities, however, there are no limitations on the number of families who attend our Bookbug sessions.

What is peep?

"PEEP" stands for **Parents as Early Education Partners**. Put simply, it's small informal group sessions, with parents, children and teachers/educators having fun and working together to ensure our children and parents achieve their potential.



Each session will focus around a theme and there will be a short discussion around this before children are welcomed in to the session. Parents/carers then have to opportunity to explore stories, songs and activities with their children, linked around the discussed theme.



What is Bookbug?

Friendly, fun sessions of songs, rhymes and stories for children and their families and carers to enjoy together. Each session lasts around 30-40 minutes and has been designed to support children's development while having fun. They take place in a very relaxed environment and are a great opportunity to spend some quality time with your little one, and meet other families.

Parent/Carer Feedback

A questionnaire was recently sent out to yourselves via email to gather thoughts & opinions on your child's time at nursery. So far, we have had 11 out of 51 families complete this. If you have a spare 2 mins, we would be grateful if you could share your views to enable us to make improvements to the nursery. This questionnaire will also be shared on our Rephad Nursery Facebook group to ease access - if you are not already a member, please search 'Rephad Nursery' on Facebook and complete the joining questions.

October Holiday Break

The nursery and school will close on Friday 14th October for 2 weeks, returning Monday 31st October. We hope you all enjoy time with family and friends and wish you a warm, relaxing break!

Dates for Your Dairy

10 th October	9.30am & 1.30pm	Rescheduled Welly Waddle
14 th October		Nursery closes for October Holidays
31 st October		Nursery reopens - Hallowe'en dress up
7 th Nov	2pm-3pm	Peep Session
10 th Nov	2pm-3pm	Bookbug Session
14 th Nov	2pm-3pm	Peep Session
17 th Nov	3.15pm-4pm	Peep Session - Literacy focus for Nursery Rhyme Week
21 st Nov-25 th Nov	9am-10.30am & 1pm-2.30pm	Stay & Play Week - Parents/carers can choose from allocated days/times
21 st Nov	2pm-3pm	Peep Session
24 th Nov	2pm-3pm	Bookbug Session
25 th Nov	2pm-3pm	Words Together
28 th Nov	2pm-3pm	Peep Session
20 th Dec	10am	Nursery nativity (all children can attend to take part in this event and further information will follow).

Rephad Nursery Team

