



# King's Oak Nursery Class

## August 2022 Newsletter



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### *Our Vision: From tiny Acorns, Mighty Oaks Grow*

A huge welcome to all our returning and new children and families. Each play space has opportunities to expand the children's learning by encouraging spontaneous and planned purposeful play opportunities. Children are encouraged to identify and manage risk, investigate and explore their continually changing world; both indoors and out.

Our learning focus this month is 'All About Me' and my Community. This helps younger children with the transition from home to nursery, and allows our older children to reinforce their learning about the routines of nursery.

We will be learning about all sorts of things to help us day to day in the nursery, like snack/lunch routines, tidy up time, personal hygiene (washing hands) taking turns to talk, listening when a grown up is speaking and how to share nicely.

Many of our boys and girls are already very good at these things, and we will continue to reinforce them as the year goes on.

Our Literacy focus will be mainly based on talking and listening, using the children's family and home life as a stimulus, talking about brothers and sisters, pets, favourite foods and so on.

Our Maths focus will be based on All About Me too, looking at things like our ages, heights, birthdays, time and so on. We will also have an emphasis on Health and Wellbeing, concentrating on what makes us similar or different, what makes a good friend and how we try to be healthy at nursery (tooth-brushing, healthy snack, outdoor energetic play)

### **Nursery Clothing**

The children just love to explore the outdoor environment and puddles is a favourite! Sometimes they get wet and we would really appreciate if you could provide a spare set of clothing to be left in nursery. Please ensure that all clothes are named as many children have similar/ same clothing items.

### **PATHS**

PATHS is a social and emotional development programme which supports our children to openly discuss and identify their feelings. We will be introducing the programme over the next few weeks.

### **Staffing**

We would like to welcome 2 new members to the team. Eilish who will be the keyworker for the green group and Anna also joins the team in a peripatetic role. Anna will be in nursery alternate weeks.

Mrs Glancy – Head Teacher  
Kirstie - Depute Head of Centre  
Tracey- Equity and Excellence Lead

Keyworkers  
Sarah- Blue Group                      Eilish- Green Group  
Lorna – Red Group                      Anna- Peripatetic Cover

Early Years Support Worker  
Debbie

### **Stay and Play**

Come and join us for our Stay and Play sessions on

**Tuesdays at 9.15-10am**

**&**

**Thursdays at 2-2.45pm**

Just let a member of the team know when you would like to come in.

It is a great way to see your child's play and learning.

### Lunches

We are continuing to provide a rolling lunch sitting where children choose when to access lunch. We hope that children continue to enjoy a sociable lunch with their friends, reinforce good hygiene practices and have opportunity to try new foods. The lunches will be served in the playroom and this will provide less interruptions to the children's learning.

We consulted with the children at the end of last term. The children participated in a ballot and the results were to continue to provide lunch in the playroom. Please see the board in the playroom, to view the consultation.

### Voluntary Donations

We ask all families to contribute a £1 a week, to our Nursery Treat Fund. We collect the £1 fund on a Monday and Tuesday. If you would like to contribute on a different day please speak to a member of staff and we can arrange that for you.

The money donated is for treats, resources and activities that make the nursery experience extra special for all children.

We use the Nursery Treat Fund for:

- Daily healthy snacks for all children, baking activities
- Arts and Craft materials
- Celebrations – cultural events, parties, Christmas festivities, celebration of learning etc

If you would like to make a voluntary contribution of £1 weekly, a collection box will be out when dropping off and collecting your child. However this is not compulsory and we understand these are difficult times for many.

Thank you for your support.

### Dates to Remember

#### August

Tuesdays at 9.15-10am - Stay and Play Sessions

Thursdays at 2-2.45pm - Stay and Play Sessions

#### September

13-16<sup>th</sup> - photographer in school/nursery

23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September weekend, nursery closed

27<sup>th</sup> - Nursery reopens

30<sup>th</sup> - Curriculum Day (come meet the team)

#### October

14<sup>th</sup> - McMillian Coffee Morning (more details to follow)

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October Break, nursery closed

24<sup>th</sup> - In-service day, nursery closed

25<sup>th</sup> - Nursery reopens

28<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Sponsored Walk

31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Fun

### Absence Reporting

Please notify the nursery before 9.30am. If your child will not be attending nursery.

You can call the office on

### Passwords

Please remember to give passwords to anyone collecting your child. We have these strict measures to keep your child safe.

Thank you for your support.