

# October 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Guardian,

A warm welcome to all our returning and new children and families. Our children have shown such resilience in these difficult times and have returned to nursery like they have never been off. They have been a total joy to work with smiling, telling stories and playing.

### Meet our groups

**LADY BIRDS** Keyworkers AM Donna (Mrs Waddell) & PM Katrina (Mrs Mitchell):-

Sam, Shanice, Laicey, Daisy, Arthur & Alyssa.

**DOLPHINS** Keyworkers Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday AM Susan (Mrs Pate) & Lorraine (Mrs Hunter) Wednesday PM, Thursday & Friday:-

Abel, Sophie, Cameron, Marissa, Jacob, Dawson, Karis, Sienna-May & Lexi.

**FROGS** Keyworkers Monday, Tuesday & Wed Kate (Mrs Neilson) & Laura (Mrs Miller) Thursday & Friday:-

Aicha, Tilly, Maiya, Yasmin, Georgie, Alfie, Eddie, Dani, Caoimhe & Charlotte.

**TIGERS** Keyworker Louise (Miss Tobasnik):-

Aaron, Ayesha, Lucas, Lily, Rozalia, Fallon, Lauren & Amelia.

### Weather appropriate clothing

If you could please make sure your child/children are dressed for the weather when coming to nursery. New government policy says that children should be out in all weathers every day. Therefore on

Rainy days they should wear waterproofs and have wellingtons on.

Snow days they should wear warm clothes, hats, gloves scarves, wellingtons and waterproofs/snowsuit.

Sunny days they should wear sun cream (if possible applied before coming to nursery) and sun hats.

Please make sure all of your child/ren's clothes are labelled with their names.

Please provide your child/ren with indoor and outdoor shoes and also a change of clothes in case of water play, paint, gardening or accidents. If any parent has concerns with any of the above please speak to a member of staff.

The frogs and tigers are out from 8.50 so can you please ensure they are dressed ready to be outdoors.

Please return any borrowed nursery clothes as we do not have a lot of stock thank you.

### Learning Journals

All new children have been added to the learning journals. Please check your spam mail in the link has been sent there. If any parents need their login reset please let a member of staff know.

### Parents meetings week beginning the 19<sup>th</sup> of October

We will be having parents meetings within our cook room, this is just a little chat for approximately 10 minutes about how your child is settling in nursery, to meet your child's keyworker and to ask any questions. Staff will be giving out appointment times, if these are unsuitable or you do not feel comfortable coming into the school building we can arrange a telephone call instead, just let staff know. On the day of your appointment please follow the yellow arrows in the school yard and wait at the door for staff and please wear a mask to meeting and within school grounds.

### Loose parts

Thank you to those who donated loose parts, the children have been very productive in their play from creating buses, ramps for scooters and obstacle courses. We are very lucky that Laura (Mrs Miller) upcycles and has created many wonderful things for the children to play with in the garden. We are still looking for guttering, funnels, pipes, pots, pans, spoons, guttering and cable drums.

### Halloween

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October children can come dressed up to nursery for a little party where they can dance, sing, play games and have treats. Can we please ask that they do not wear Halloween masks and wear an age appropriate costume as some children can find Halloween quite frightening. Please provide a change of clothes in case your child wants to change out of their costume. Children do not need to dress up if they do not want to. If your child does not attend on this day please speak to a member of staff. Any donations of food, drinks, plastic plates and cups are welcome.

## Survey

We recently carried out a survey with parents to gain an insight into your thoughts about the nursery.

Out of 33 parents we had 12 responses.

Question 1. How satisfied are you that the nursery is a safe place for your child?

8 were Very satisfied

4 were somewhat satisfied

Question 2. How friendly and approachable are nursery staff?

10 were very satisfied

2 said somewhat friendly

Question 3. How supported do you feel by the nursery staff?

7 were very supported

4 were somewhat supported

1 was neither supported or unsupported

Question 4. How happy is your child at nursery?

9 were very happy

3 were somewhat happy

Question 5. How happy is your child going to nursery?

9 were very happy

3 were somewhat happy

Question 6. How satisfied are you with the information posted on the learning journals?

4 were very satisfied

5 were somewhat satisfied

1 was somewhat dissatisfied

## Social media

We have been posting photos of the children on the school face book page. But we are hoping to set up a twitter page for the nursery to keep you up to date.

## Peanut Allergy!



It is very important that you do not allow your child to bring in any food to the nursery.

If your child will be unable to attend nursery for any reason please telephone the school on **01236 794828** to let us know. If you know in advance that your child will be absent for any reason please inform nursery staff.

## Nursery Fund

Your £2.50 weekly snack money is very much appreciated and is vitally important to the service we provide for your children. This allows us to provide healthy snacks for the children, provide new resources and to give them a gift at birthdays and Christmas time. Without your donations we would have to provide a limited snack and also the children would not receive a gift at Christmas Please remember to put your money in the yellow envelopes provided and place them in the box.

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - Nursery closed, school holidays**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Parents meetings**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct - Halloween Fun Day**

## Birthdays

On the day/week of the children's birthdays they can bring a birthday cake. This cake has to be shop bought and within its original wrapping please due to NLC guidance.

**We would like to wish the following children a Happy Birthday from August until October:  
Ayesha, Charlotte, Dawson, Rozalia, Maiya, Edward and Arthur.**



**Thank you for your continued support now and in the future, from all the nursery staff.**