



Bushes Primary School  
Nursery Newsletter - October 2019  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that we're nearly at the end of Term 1. Where has the time gone? October will be another busy month for us and we are all very excited about taking part in our rainbow walk, which takes place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**Care Inspectorate Inspections**

We are regularly inspected by the Care Inspectorate. The Care Inspectorate is the independent scrutiny and improvement body for care and children's services. Our last inspection was on 7 November 2017. This was an unannounced inspection. I'm delighted to say that it went very well with lots of positive feedback from the inspector.

The inspector provided us with feedback from the parent questionnaires which many parents had kindly completed for us.

Grades are awarded on a six point scale and for the two areas we were inspected on we received two grades 5 (very good).

You can view our inspection report online by visiting the Care Inspectorate website. Paper copies of the report are also available in the foyer area.

**Halloween Party - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Most children enjoy the fun of dressing up at Halloween however we realise that some children do not enjoy dressing up of any kind, therefore dressing up will be optional. Party games and dookin' for apples will be some of the activities at our party.



**Hand Washing**

Children are encouraged to wash their hands regularly while at nursery. We teach them when they should wash their hands and how best to get them really clean. We would appreciate your support by reinforcing the importance of hand washing at home.



**Nursery Fund - Term 2 is 9 weeks long**




Our voluntary nursery fund is £3.50 per week for children attending 5 sessions. Staff will collect this money on Wednesday 23 October and every Wednesday thereafter. You can pay for the term (£31.50), rather than weekly, if this would be easier. Cheques should be made payable to Bushes Nursery.

**Allergies**

I know it's a lovely gesture, but due to some of our children having allergies, can I please ask parents to avoid bringing cakes and treats to nursery for birthdays. Instead of making cakes to celebrate birthdays, we now have a birthday box. Can I please ask you to notify staff if your child has a specific allergy. Thank you for your understanding.

**Parent Rota**

Next term you will have the opportunity to come into the nursery to spend some time with us. This will allow you to see what happens during the course of a nursery session and what activities your child likes to participate in. If you would like to join us then please sign up for a session. Perhaps you have a particular skill you would like to share with us. The rota is located within the foyer. If you cannot manage on a Wednesday then speak to the staff and I'm sure we will be able to arrange for you to visit on another day.

<p><b><u>Parent Council Meetings - Next meeting</u></b> <b><u>1/10/19</u></b></p> <p>Any parent is welcome to attend these meetings, which are for nursery and school parents. Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm in the school staff room.</p>	<p><b><u>Dates for your diary:</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday 9 October - Parent's Evening  Wednesday 9 October - Rainbow Walk  Friday 11 October - In Service Day  Monday 14 - Friday 18 October - Holiday  Monday 2 December - Holiday  Wednesday 4 December - Nativity (afternoon performance)  Thursday 5 December - Nativity (morning performance)  Friday 20 December - Stop for Christmas  Monday 6 January - Pupils return  Wednesday 1 April - Sports Day  Wednesday 8 June - Presentation Day</p>
<p><b><u>Outdoor Area</u></b></p> <p>The children thoroughly enjoy exploring outdoors. Unfortunately a lot of our new outdoor equipment has been vandalised and destroyed. We are looking for additional materials to enhance our outdoor area and would greatly appreciate any donations of pots, pans, wooden spoons etc.</p> 	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>We are delighted to have Mrs Sarah Hislop join us on a permanent basis as an Early Learning and Childcare Officer. Sarah is with us on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.</p>
<p><b><u>Rainbow Walk</u></b></p> <p>The countdown is on as our rainbow walk fundraiser takes place next Wednesday. By now you should all have received a letter about this event and a donation form. This should be a fun event, which will ultimately benefit all of the children in our nursery. My thanks to the staff for creating such a special day for the children.</p> <p>Can I please ask that any money raised be sent in during the weeks beginning 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October. We will announce the total raised after this. Thank you.</p>	<p><b><u>Profiles</u></b></p> <p>Every child in our nursery has their own profile. These profiles contain pieces of work, which the children are very pleased with, and photographs. The children have access to their profile folders all the time and are encouraged to look at them regularly. If you should ever wish to see your child's profile then just speak to one of the staff and they will get it for you. When your child leaves our nursery, they will get to take their profile home.</p> 
<p>If there is anything you would like us to include in our next newsletter then please let us know.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Donna, Margaret, Kerry, Angie, Libby, Barbara, Sharon, Sarah, Lauren &amp; Rachael</p> 	

**PARENTS/CARERS COMMENTS SLIP**

I would like more information about \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_