

St Joseph's Nursery Newsletter

September – October 2018

We would like to welcome our returning children and families back to nursery and say a huge big Saint Joseph's welcome to all of our brand new children and families! We hope that you have had a lovely summer and are ready for a fun-filled year at nursery!



We have some staffing changes after saying goodbye to Miss Caldwell at the end of last session. We would like to welcome Miss Gardner, our new Nursery Practitioner and Miss Trench who will be our new additional Early Years Officer.

Nursery Times

Morning Mon-Thu

Breakfast/ Soft Start: 8:10 - 8:45 am (optional)

Core Time: 8:45 - 11:15 am

Pick up: 11 - 11:15 am

Friday*

Breakfast/ Soft Start: 8:10 - 8:45 am (optional)

Core Time: 8:45 - 11:15 am

Soft End: 11:15 - 11:35am

Pick up: 11:00 - 11:35 am

Afternoon Mon-Thu

Core Time: 12:10 - 3:15 pm

Snack/Soft End: 3:15 - 4:05 pm (optional)

Pick up: 3:00 - 4:05 pm



Please ensure that children are dropped off and picked up on time and that you use the sign-in/sign-out sheet.



Clothing and Footwear



Just a reminder that all children need a pair of indoor shoes/gym rubbers, a change of clothing and a pair of wellies for muddy days. The spare clothes can be kept in their bags on their pegs.

We are working hard to promote independence again this year with coats and shoes, so please encourage your child to put their shoes and coats on/take them off by themselves.

Please try not to send children to nursery wearing laced shoes, jeans with tight buttons or clothes that they are unable to unfasten by themselves. Thank you.



Dropping Off & Collecting Your Child

Can we remind you to please close the outside door and gate when entering and leaving the Nursery - this is for Health and Safety reasons. When pressing the buzzer for access please stand on the mark, as this helps us to identify who is at the door, for security reasons.

We also ask that you remember to sign your child in & out, as this helps to keep our numbers correct for fire drills.

Promoting Independence Skills



As always at the start of a new term and after a long holiday break, we will be focusing on getting to know each other and are revising the daily routines of nursery such as snack, changing our shoes and coats independently, tidying up, washing our hands and going to the toilet by ourselves. We hope that you will support us in this by encouraging your children to be more independent in carrying out these tasks at home too. Practising these tasks independently will support children in their self-care and learning.

Sleepover Sam

We will be sending Sleepover Sam out each week to ensure each child has a turn during the year. Sam will come home on Thursday and should be brought back to Nursery on the Monday, to allow preparation for the next child to have their turn.

Weather Change and Appropriate Clothing

We are now approaching autumn and the weather can be fairly unpredictable. Please make sure children have a jacket with them at nursery, as well as appropriate footwear. We go outside in all weathers and it is important that children are dressed for this. Thank you for your support with this.

Help Please!

We would like to start up a Big Bedtime Read initiative in our Nursery and are looking for donations of children's books to allow us to do this. If you have any books you are finished with, in good condition, please donate to the Nursery staff to support us with this. Thank you!

Stay & Play

Our stay and play sessions will continue on the first Monday of each month this year. Our first session will be Monday 1st October.

am session – 8.45 – 9.45 am
pm session – 12.10 – 1.10 pm



Sponsored Welly Walk



We will be having a Sponsored Welly Walk on Monday 8th October. More details will follow.

We appreciate your support in helping us to raise funds to support the great things we do in Nursery.



Garden Gourmet/Forest Nursery

We are keen to continue our popular Garden Gourmet days, which the children help to prepare by growing and cooking food from our Nursery garden. Our first event is on Tuesday 11th September and we would love for parents to come along to enjoy the treats the children have made.

am session – 10.30 – 11.00 am
pm session – 2.30 – 3.00 pm

At our Garden Gourmet day we will also give you some information about our Forest Nursery/Outdoor Learning programme, which will start on Tuesday 25th September. We hope you can join us to hear more about this exciting part of our children's learning.

Cloakroom Procedures

After the October holiday we will be promoting further independence in our pre-school children. As part of this they will be accessing their cloakroom independently to change shoes, jackets, etc. Nursery staff will be able to support children with making this move to more independence and we ask that parents do not go through to the inside cloakroom with children after we return from the October holiday. We thank you for your support and co-operation in helping our pupils to become more independent in preparation for starting school.

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 11th September – Garden Gourmet & Forest Nursery Information

- am – 10.30 – 11.00
- pm – 2.30 – 3.00

Monday 17th September – September Holiday

Tuesday 18th September – Inset Day (staff only)

Wednesday 19th September – Pupils Return

Tuesday 25th September – Forest Nursery sessions begin

Monday 1st October – Stay & Play

Monday 8th October – Sponsored Welly Walk

Thursday 11th October – Parent Consultations

Friday 12th October – Last day of term – Break for Oct Holiday

Monday 22nd October – Inset Day (staff only)

Tuesday 23rd October – Pupils Return

Wednesday 31st October – Hallowe'en Parties (normal session times)