
Newsletter 12th September 2019

Welcome all Parents and Carers both existing and new; I hope you all had a good summer and were able to make the most of the good weather.

Term has started well with the existing children settling back quickly - many were really eager to come back in! Taster sessions have gone well and we look forward to getting to know all the new children and families.

Some of you will have noticed a number of changes to our environment. We now have a new cloakroom located in the beautiful wooden building on the left as you approach the front door. Once you have dropped your child in to Nursery and said goodbye, please leave their coats in the cloakroom and collect them before you collect your child later in the day. We are in the process of putting names on pegs in alphabetical order but in the meantime just select any peg. This change has allowed us to maximise the potential working space in the hall and make the area less cluttered for children and staff (we will spend less time picking up coats!).

Your child will no longer need any spare clothes either as to make it easier we have a large stock at Nursery. If your child has an accident or gets wet playing they will come home in our spare clothes - we ask that you wash and return them - thank you in advance!

We have added some plants to our garden - many of which are edible! The front door is now automatic. We had noticed a number of parents struggling to open this heavy door especially when carrying little ones so this should make it easier for everyone. We have also de-cluttered our classrooms making them a calmer environment for all. We will be confirming key workers around half term (for the new children we like to watch who they seem to gravitate towards in order to help us with our decisions).

September is usually a lovely month with good weather so we look forward to being able to spend lots of time exploring outdoors. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask - you can speak to anyone and they will point you in the right direction if they don't have the answer immediately.

Mrs Helen Adams

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
21 st October	Last Day - half term begins
28 th October	School re-opens
20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term

Clothes Donations

Many thanks to those who have donated clothes, the new system should make things easier for all. We are still looking for boy's trousers aged 3-4 so if you have any spare, please do bring them in.

Lunch Boxes

As from now, all food and waste packaging will no longer be disposed of at Nursery. We are concerned about the amount of waste produce at lunchtime and are currently unable to recycle as much as we would like to. All un eaten food and waste will therefore be returned to you. Please be mindful that youghurts in pots and tubes will create a lot of mess. Thank you for your support.

Baskets

You may already be aware that the children's jumpers/cardigans etc are being placed in baskets in their classrooms when not worn. These baskets will be brought out to the reception area at the end of the day for you to collect your child's belongings from.



Invoices

We will be sending our fortnightly invoice every other Friday by email which will reflect your child's booking pattern. The next invoice is due on 20th September. Please let us know if you do not receive it.

Healthy Snack Charge

Water and milk plus fruit and small refreshments are provided by the school in the middle of each session. We ask for a small termly voluntary contribution of £5 per child to help towards this cost, this will be added to your next invoice. Thanks to those that have already sent this in.



Starting School September 2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016? If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2020 for that child by the deadline of 15th January 2020. This may seem like a long way away, but as you know time really does fly!

If you would like any more information of the application process please visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions or contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191.

Nappies

We always have a number of children that are at varying stages of potty training when they first start with us. Some children are still in nappies and this is fine. However, we realise finding nappies etc from children's bags to change the children takes staff considerable time.

To make things easier for staff and to enable them to spend more time working with the children we purchase the nappies and keep them all in one central changing area. To cover costs we will invoice you a nominal fee of 40p per session. This additional charge will be included on your fortnightly invoice at the end of each half term. This obviously means that you no longer need to bring nappies/pull ups in to school.

Please speak to a member of staff about support or advice regarding potty training and we will be happy to help and support you and your child with this.

Messages Home

We use a number of different methods to deliver messages to parents. Anything urgent, we will telephone you on the numbers given or a teacher will speak to you at the end of the session. We ask therefore that you keep us up to date if you change any telephone numbers. When we need to send letters home, this could be for information purposes or where there is something for you to sign and return, these will sometimes be placed in your child's book bag. Please make sure you check the book

bag everyday. We ask that the Book bags are not used as a means of communicating with Teachers as they often do not have the time to search through them. We also communicate by email. Please ensure that you have given us an up to date email address. Our email system is via 'Parenta' and used primarily for your fortnightly invoice, sending a message to a small group of parents or attaching our weekly newsletter every Thursday. Initially, you may find that these emails go into your spam/junk folder. Please check in there and then mark the email "not junk". Copies of the newsletter are kept in reception. We will also show photographs and further information on the display screen and on the parents noticeboard, both in the reception area and on the patio side. If you have any queries or think you may have missed some correspondence, please speak to Kate, Alex or Vanessa in the office.

Breakfast Club

As you will be aware, we offer both a breakfast club and a breakfast drop off service. Full breakfast club starts at 8am and children are given a selection of different breakfast items to choose from. If your child is booked in from 8am and you would like them to have their breakfast here, please can you make sure they arrive by 8.15am at the latest so they have plenty of time to make their choices and sit down to enjoy their breakfast. Children coming for the breakfast drop can be brought in from 8.30am onwards.



Head bumps at nursery

It is our policy that if your child bumps their head whilst they are at nursery, we will ring the parents, regardless of the seriousness of the bump. Parents will be given the option to come and collect their child or if the child has recovered well from the bump, they can remain at nursery. An accident slip will then be sent home with your child with details of how the bump occurred and any treatment given. Should your child become

unwell after a head bump at nursery, medical advice must be sought.
Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Challenge

This weeks challenge is both for our parents and the children!

Parents please could you ensure that all of your children's belongings are clearly labelled, even both shoes and wellies!!!

For the **children** we ask that you encourage them to be able to recognise their own coats and shoes - its obviously very helpful all round and begins to teach them some independence and ownership.

Children's Quote of the Week

*"I happy here and I
happy at my
nanny's"*

Early days at Nursery quote

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2015** and **31 August 2016?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2020 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2020**.

Please note that attending a school's nursery does not guarantee your child a place at that school - you still need to apply. The criteria in the school's admission arrangements will be used to allocate places.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system

Need help with your application?

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15 January
2020



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