

Monthly Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is already mid-November and we only have five more weeks left until the Christmas holiday. We have been a busy bunch at the Nursery this month. We have all been to Forest School, had our first school photos, celebrated Diwali and hosted a dancer, commemorated Remembrance Day with the children and the staff received woodwork training. Time flies when you are having fun! The run up to Christmas is always an eventful and wonderful experience for the children.

Staff News:

Mrs Gill will be leaving us at the end of the Autumn Term. She will be taking up an appointment as an Interim Headteacher at another local Nursery School until the end of the academic year. It will be sad to see Mrs Gill go and we thank her for all the hard work she has put in with the children and staff over a number of years. We hope to see her again soon.

Mrs Nagra will be retiring at the end of the Autumn Term. Mrs Nagra has been supporting our children for the last four years. We will miss her kindness and many years of experience. We wish her a well-deserved break.

The staff work so hard for the children and it is always a shame to say goodbye. A new adventure awaits ahead for everyone.

COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your patience and cooperation over the last few weeks with the changes we had made to reduce the number of people on site.

The infection rate continues to remain high in our local area, so it is important that we do not become complacent. Please do continue to maintain social distancing and wear your mask whilst on school premises.

If you or your child show any Covid-19 symptoms, I urge you to take a confirmatory test. If you or your child test positive, **YOU MUST SELF ISOLATE** and follow the instructions from Track and Trace. Please also inform the school office as soon as possible.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Harvest Collection

Thank you for your generosity. We collected a magnificent 72kg of food and toiletries.

We are currently living in difficult times. If you know of any families in our community who would benefit from receiving a food parcel or indeed, you yourself require some additional support in this area, please do let the office know as soon as possible.

All information is confidential.

Children in Need

On Friday 19th November 2021, we will be supporting Children in Need. We are asking the children to come in something spotty on the day.

Any donations will be gratefully received and there will be a collection bucket by the gate on the day.

We will also be working with the children throughout the week to produce yellow handprints to make a Pudsey Bear figure, which will be displayed in Microsoft's Head Office.

Please encourage your children to talk about something that makes them happy, so that we can include it on their handprints.

Forest School & Eco Schools News

Mrs Lacey and Ms Hammett work tirelessly to ensure that our Forest School provision is of the highest quality. The children are thoroughly enjoying Forest School. It is so wonderful to see them fully engaged in their learning and taking risks to try new things.

Please could we ask that the children come in their regular shoes on when it is their Forest School day and have their wellies in a plastic bag. The classroom has been getting rather muddy and we would like to continue to keep it a conducive environment for the children.

Please name your child's wellies, so they can be reunited with their owner.

Christmas Raffle

Our annual Christmas Raffle is coming together for the festive season. If you work for a company, manage your own business or are able to donate something, please contact the school office.

Tickets go on sale on 1st December 2021 at £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. Proceeds go towards the Children's Christmas Party and gifts from Santa.

The raffle will be drawn on 15th December 2021.
Good luck!

Christmas Party

We will be hosting a Christmas Party for the children on Wednesday 15th December 2021.

Children will be able to wear their finest party clothes on the day.

I also have it on good authority that a certain special visitor will be arriving at the Nursery on Thursday 16th December 2021 along with some farm animals from Basil & Crew Farm.

End of Autumn Term Arrangements

The last day of term will be on:

Friday 17th December at 1pm

We will lead shorter sessions on this day. Time are as follows:

30hr children:

8.30am – 1pm

Please bring a packed lunch, as no hot meal will be available.

15hr children:

Morning Groups:

8.30am – 10.30am

Afternoon Groups:

11.00am – 1.00pm

INSET Day Information

Just a couple of dates for your diaries...

We have planned two training days for staff. The school will be closed on the following days:

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 25th April 2022

Please make a note of this.

Reminders

Nursery gate opening times:

8.30-8.40am; 11.20-11.30am; 12.30-12.40pm and 3.15-3.30pm.

Personal belongings:

Please write your child's name on all their belongings – coats, lunchboxes, water bottles, shoes, wellies, additional clothing brought in for Forest School, bags and any other items.

Some children can become extremely upset if they cannot find their belongings. Having a name on all items will ensure that we can reunite items with their owner quickly.

Just a Thought...

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

- Dolly Parton

Wanted for Box Construction

Empty washed
yoghurt pots, plastic
bottles, kitchen roll
tubes and small
boxes.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children is the utmost importance. If you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Safeguarding Governor	Mr Adrian Hodges
Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Basia Dowling
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads	Mrs Kathy Li & Mrs Nisha Gill


The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 17 th December 2021	Last day of term: (am 8.30-10.30am); (pm 11.00am-1pm); (30hrs 8.30am-1.00pm)
Monday 20 th December 2021 - Monday 4 th January 2022	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	INSET Day for Staff SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	First day back for children
Friday 18 th February 2022	Last day of half term for children
Monday 21 st February 2022 – Friday 25 th February 2022	Half Term
Monday 28 th February 2022	First day back for children
Friday 8 th April 2022	Last day of term: (am 8.30-10.30am); (pm 11.00am-1pm); (30hrs 8.30am-1.00pm)
Monday 11 th April 2022 – Monday 25 th April 2022	Easter Holiday
Monday 25 th April 2022	INSET Day for Staff SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 26 th April 2022	First day back for children
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 30 th May 2022 – Friday 3 rd June 2022	Half Term
Monday 6 th June 2022	First day back for children
Thursday 21 st July 2022	Last day of term: (am 8.30-10.30am); (pm 11.00am-1pm); (30hrs 8.30am-1.00pm)

Take care and stay safe! With every best wish,



Mrs Basia Dowling – Headteacher